

ERVIN-IRVIN

James Ervin, of Scotch Presbyterian descent; prob. b. N. Ire; to 1732 Williamsburg Co., SC.
m. Elizabeth, d/o John James

1. Robert

2. John, Sr.

3. Hugh

4. Elizabeth

John Ervin, Sr.; r/o Williamsburg Co., SC
m. Elizabeth, d/o Robert Ellison

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1. Elizabeth b. 1748 2. Sarah b. 1750 3. James b. 1752
m. Mr. Fulton m. John Dobbin

4. John b. 1754 5. Jean b. 1756 6. Mary b. 1758
m. Mr. James (died 1785)

7. Robert b. 1761 8. Hugh b. 1763 9. Margaret b. 1765
(died 1797) (died 1769)

John b. 1796, s/o John Ervin, r/o Hinds Co., MS
m. Asenath, d/o John & Catherine Ford

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1. Hugh b. 1817 2. John b. 1819 3. Thomas b. 1825
m. Delilah W. Pope (died 1821) m. Martha Sumrall

m. Harriet Glenn, d/o John & Eliz. Pope & wd/o Mr. Bridges

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4. Samuel b. 1828 5. Henry b. 1829 6. Margaret b. 1832
(died 1833) m. Sarah E. Sumrall m. Ed. Bryan Willis
m. Mattie J. Haley

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Col. John Ervin b. 1754
m. Jane, d/o Gavin Sr. & Jane (James) Witherspoon

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1. Samuel b. 1776 2. Sarah b. 1777 3. John b. 1780
(to Coal Bluff, AL) (died 1791) (died 1780)

4. Elizabeth b. 1782 5. Jane b. 1784 6. John b. 1786
m. Ebenezer Ford (died 1786) (died 1788)

7. James b. 1788 Col. John m. 2nd his first cousin,
m. Elizabeth Pope Margaret, d/o Hugh & Eliz. (James) Ervin

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8. Hugh b. 1792 8. Mary b. 1794 9. John b. 1796
m. Ann Ford (died 1796) m. Asenth Ford
(to Warren/MS) (to Hinds/MS)

(All these children born in Marion Dist., SC)

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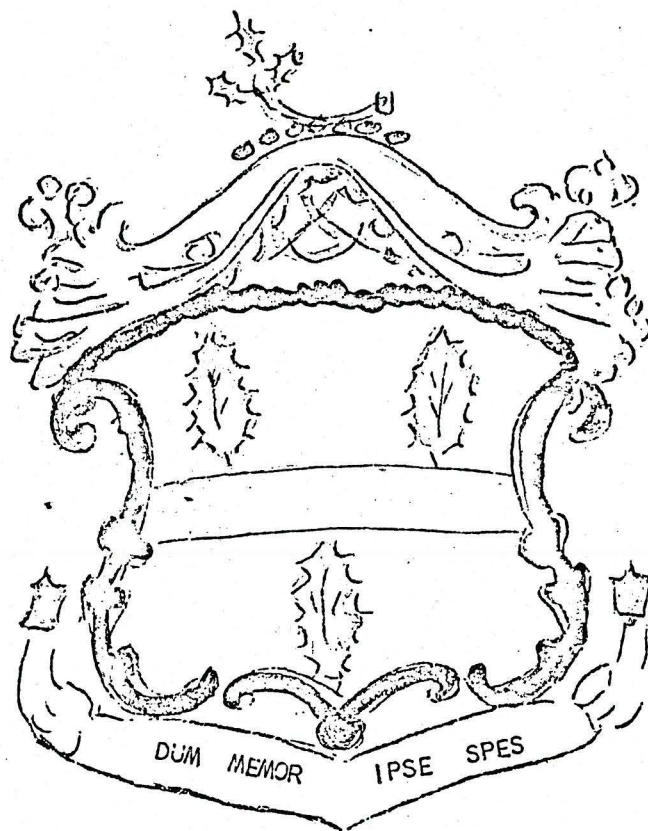
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"While Memory Remains, We Live."

— *Epitaph* —

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As I approach the Sunset of Life I am wondering what I can leave to my Beloved Family, and I can think of nothing better than a History of the Ervins.

I can leave no finer admonition than the words of Colonel John Ervin (1754-1810) of Marion's Brigade, War of the American Revolution, and taken from his Bible;

"Nowe, my Children, I adjure you, Hold to your Hearts always, your Grande & Glorious Heritage. Your forbears have laid requisite Precepts for you to follow. May they be a Stimulus to laudable Ambition soe you will make Worthy Contributions to your Country, be a Faithful Servant to your Church & add Renown & Splendor to the History of the Irvine Family. My Blessings rest upon you. May Jehovah be with you and prosper you."

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ERVIN COAT OF ARMS

The immediate ancestors of James Ervin, the founder in America of the Ervin family which originally settled in Williamsburg, South Carolina, were among the numerous colonist who migrated from Scotland during the seventeenth century and planted themselves in North Ireland where they maintained the purity of their Scottist blood, religions and traditions. Thousands of the descendants of these Scotch colonists, known to history as the Scotch-Irish, subsequently removed to America and became a vital and valuable part of the population of the thirteen colonies.

In 1732 a number of immigrants from Belfast, Ireland sailed to America. Among the names of those who made the voyage where those of Gordon, Wilson, Witherspoon, James, Cooper, McCautry and Ervin. These were almost exclusively Scotch-Irish Presbyterians - that is, Scots who had settled in Ireland but had not intermarried with the Irish. They landed at Potato Ferry on Black River, in what is now Williamsburg County, South Carolina. They were nearly all related to one another and held a grant of twenty thousand acres of land located along this river. Hugh and John Ervin, brothers, settled near a little place called King's Tree.

As far as known, Irving of Bonshaw never quartered anybody else's arms with his. Willis Irving, the great-grandfather of Col. John Baufin Irving, the present holder of Bonshaw (1916), in 1698 married the eldest daughter of Lord Rollo but did not quarter the royal arms with his, although other families who intermarried with the Irving Clan did quarter the Irving with theirs. In the "Black Douglas" Memorial Window in Glasgow Cathedral, the Irwin, Irvine, Irving (and other ways of spelling the name) Coat of Arms - three holly leaves on a silver ground - is in the center. The family of Bonshaw was a family of great antiquity which has possessed from the remotest period ---those descended from Bonshaw having three holly leaves, and those from Drum three bunches of leaves.

Men in the old days spelt their names at will as they thought they sounded. Christopher Irvinus Bon-Bosco writes of them in the seventeenth century as follows:

The Earls or Counts in Hungary write themselves "Ervin"- at this time the northern nations making several incursions into the Roman provinces, especially into Hungary and Gaul, greatly annoyed the Romas. Fergus, now grown to man's estate, joined them with the exiled Scots and went to the Hungarian wars where the Irvings that were in the expedition (and one of the principal clans of the Scots) greatly signalized themselves under their valiant commander, Fergus, and there left that noble family which to this day of Earls or Counts do carry the name of "Erin" or "Ervin" and owe their origin from Scottish Ervines or Irvings that served against the Romans in the Hungarian Wars.

MOTTO: "Dum Memor Ipse Spec"-----"As long as Memory lingers, you live."

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1. Edward I of England b. 1239 d. 1307, md. 1st at Bures, Spain 1254, Eleanor of Castile, dau. of Ferdinand III. She d. 1290, leaving issue: John, Henry, Alfonso, Edward II, Eleanor, Joan, Margaret, Berengalia, Mary, Elizabeth, Beatrix, Blanche. Edward I md. 2nd: Margaret, dau. of Philip the Hardy, King of France, at Canterbury 8 Sept. 1299. They had Eleanor b. 1300, Thomas b. 1306
2. Thomas (of whose line we treat)--Thomas Plantagenet, surnamed Brotherton (14th child & 5th son) b. June 1306; created Earl of Norfolk and Marshall of England, md. 1st: Alice (erroneously Catherine), dau. of Sir Roger Halys of Harwich, by whom he had issue, inter alias:
3. Margaret, created Duchess of Norfolk by Richard II, 9 Sept. 1397, md. John Lord Seagrave d. 27 Edward III. Children: Anne, Abess of Berking and
4. Higbm (Thomas) Lord Norbray & Elizabeth
5. Thos. Lord Norbray, md. Elizabeth, sister of Thos. Fizalon, Earl of Arundel & Surrey
6. Sir Robert Howard Knight m. Margaret Maubry
7. John Howard, Duke of Norfolk (killed at Bosworth) m. Katherine, dau. of William (Lord Molyneux)
8. Sir John Wynham of Felbrig m. Margaret Howard
9. Thos. Wynham of Felbrigg md. Eleanor, dau. of Sir Rich, Scrope of Upsall-York
10. Sir John Wyndham of Melton, Costable of Orchard d. 16 md. Eliz dau. Jno. Sydenham
11. Edward Wyndham Esq. of Kentsford Co. Esq. Landra Samersset md. Margaret, dau. Rich Camberlyne
12. Sir Thos. Wyndham of Kentsford md. Eliz. dau. Rich Conygsby of Heresford County Hampton Court
13. Col. Sir Francis Wyndham m. Anne, dau. of Thos. Gerald of Trent
14. Col. Thos. Wyndham Bart b. 1635 - 1675 d. abt 1691 md. Eliz., dau. of Sir Thos. Croke of Waterpenny Co.
15. Jno. William James (jr) md. Anne Wyndom
16. Children Demetrius b. 1676, John b. 1688, to America--William b. 1701 to America (Col. Thomas Wyndom. Bart b. 1635 d. abt. 1691, md. Eliz. dau. of Sir Thomas Croke of Waterpenny. They appear to have had following ch - Oxford, Anne, others)
17. William 1701-1750 see will md. Elizabeth Witherspoon, came to America, Williamsburg County, South Carolina.

JAMES ROYAL LINE (Cont'd)

18. William James Jr. b. abt. 1725 d. bef. 1790, m. Janet (Jane) Fleming 1725, d. Nov. 1811, dau. of Jno. Fleming, d. 1750. Wm. James Revo. S.P. 174 "Copy Rev-Claims" by Revell 1941 - children: Elizabeth, John, William Samuel, Jane (died young)

19. Elizabeth James (dau. of Wm. James & wife Jane, or Janet, Fleming) b. June 6, 1750, d. abt. 1815, married in 1768 Hugh Ervin, Sr., as his 2nd wife. Children: James, William, Jane, *Margaret. Hugh Ervin, Sr. b. abt. 1730 d. abt. 1792. Margaret Ervin b. June 22, 1770 d. Aug. 3, 1798, became 2nd wife of her cousin, Col. John Ervin. They were married Oct. 6, 1791. He was b. 25 Mch. 1754, d. 1 June 1810. (His 1st wife was Jane Witherspoon) Children: Hugh Ervin - John Ervin

m Ann Ford m Asenath Ford

*-Married her first cousin, Col. John Ervin. They had two sons, Hugh and John.

John Ervin came to Mississippi, married Asenath Ford 19 Sept. 1816 - d 1826 parents of Hugh Ford Ervin and Thomas Griffin Ervin; on 7 June 1827 contracted a 2nd marriage with Harriet Glenn Bridges, widow, and had issue: Henry Pope, b. 27 Aug. 1829, and Margaret Elizabeth b. in 1832 in Hinds County, Mississippi.

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RECORD FROM THE BIBLE OF COLONEL JOHN ERVIN OF
MARION'S BRIGADE, WAR OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION*
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(This Bible belonged to Colonel John Ervin (1754-1810) and passed to his lineal descendant, Erasmus Powe Ervin, born in Williamsburg Co., near Kingstree, S. C. 1878.....DESCRIPTION OF BIBLE: Printed by Alex Kincaid his Majesty's printer, Edinburg 1776, "Allowed by the Authority of the General Assembly of the Kirk of Scotland, and appointed to be read in the Churches." The Bible contains a number of interesting TABLES, one being "Table of Kindred and Affinity, wherein whosoever are related are forbidden in Scriptures and by our Laws, to marry."

Colonel Ervin utilized some blank pages in the Bible to record a short family history. All entries other than the last five relating to births, the last six concerning marriages, and the last ten pertaining to deaths, are in Colonel Ervin's handwriting. The History and entries are as follows:

"Deeming it a Privilege and Duty I hereby set down what I know of our Family history and divers Facts adjudged important for Posterity to cherish. The Ereenines, Irwyns, Irvines, Ervins - trace to Antiquity. For this sketch, it will suffice to begin with Crynin, Irwyn, Abthane of Dule, who held Highest title then conferred in Scotland and was founder of the line of Kings of the name Irvine. He married with daughter to King Malcolm and so they became Ancestors of the Scottish Kings. Later when the BRUCE fled his enemies, sanctuary was found with the Irwynes and Will Irwyn became his companion. The resting place was a holly-grove and so the Holly forms a part of the families armorial bearings. In gratitude for his loyalty, Sir Will was granted a Barony where for a thousand years has been passed by Irvings. To shorten these annals, we continue with John Ervine Esquire who married the daughter to his kinsman James Irvine of Fortrie. Their son John married as first wife his kinswoman Jeanne Irvine, and their son James Irvine Esquire was my Grandfather. He married with Elizabeth daughter to Captain John William James and wife Anne Wyndham. It is found that he came of a long line of William Jameses and so to distinguish them, each also was known by a double name. The IRVINES being protestantes, left the old Nation during the period of religious upheaval and settled in North Ireland. However, soon conditions became intolerable and being of courageous and pioneering spirit they decided to seek a better land in America on the Southern frontier. My grandfather was a man of huge stature with piercing dark eyes, fearless of commanding presence and various abilities. Thru his veins coursed the blood of centuries of warriors and of his Scotch sires who patrolled the borders of their land, repelling many invaders. It was destined that he would be a leader in rounding up the first band of Colonists for the proposed settlement on Black River in the Province of Southern Carolina. His family were amongst those who in 1732 blazed the trail for other footsteps to follow. This colony of some dozen families, under command of Roger Gordon sailed from Belfast and endured the hazardous passage of over two months across the Ocean, beset by tempests, perils and untold suffering and sickness. One Irvine son perished and was consigned to the bottom of the Deep. My grandfathers Family was large being - Rebecca, Elizabeth, Robert, Marjorey, William, Annabelle (Anne), Jeanne, Gilbert, Jno Bruce, Agnes, Alexander, Hugh (Do not know the order) with daughter in law and some grandchildren. Great was their sorrow most of these passed in the tragedy of a great mortality. On the voyage across the family was sorely ill and on arrival in Charles Town it was necessary to tarry until health was restored.

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Subsequently the sons Robert and John, last named being only a Lad, with a sister being of a hardihood and daring Hearts, were in the Vanguard that opened up the Trail from Charles Towne to the Kings Tree. Also of this Company were our kinsmen the James and Wilsons. Some two years later, came our Kinsmen the Witherspoons and others. The lad JOHN IRVINE was my father and he later married with Elizabeth daughter to Robert Allison (Ellison) Esquire. In So. Car. our name soon came to be spelled ERVIN.

"Often have I heard my father tell of this Pioneering enterprise - of how their small vessel crept cautiously up the dark, trotruous reaches of the Black River, bordered with thickly-forested swamps that shut out the daylight. Their apprehensions for safety increased when often the silence was shattered by hideous and unearthly screams of wild things. On reaching the Kings Tree, the great was their surprise to find nothing but primeval wilderness. Notwithstanding the Company scattered to select home-sites near streams or springs. The IRVINES chose a bluff about a mile distant and set to work to fell the mighty trees and clear away undergrowth. A crude shelter was erected tight on sides of prevailing winds. Later when joined by the balance of the family a large cabin was built with thatched roof and mud chimneys. My father was one of the few forthright and outspoken patriots of our District at commencement of the struggle for Independence. His business often carried him to George Towne and Charles Towne for heremained better posted and saw the future more clearly than most of his neighbors. From the first, he cast his lot with America and influenced many others in the early days. He was wrathful over the Stamp Act and advised everyone to refuse to buy the Tea that had been shipped to Charles Towne. He assumed the office of Commissary-gathered equipments and medicines for our Great Cause. Grandmother Wlizabeth that grand Matriarch and Venerable war-heroine used her great skill as a nurse in those times before our section got organized. She suffered blindness in later life. Mother and my wife Jane, also did their part nobly by securing information for my Regiment and for General Marion. We were a house united in one Great Purpose - a fight to the finish for Libery and for America.

"Our Kinsmen the James Family from their arrival in 1732 on thru the dark days of the great struggle, gave without stint of their Time and Talents to the Welfare of our District. It was William James, brother to my grandmother, who named Williamsburg and it was her son, the Daring Major John James of many brave exploits who organized the men of our District and could have let them in battle but instead modestly recommended his friend Francis Marion. This was the beginning of Marion's Brigade ofwhere my regiment was part. Other kinsmen among Allison (Ellisons) and Witherspoons were Conspicuous in this Life and Death fight for Freedom, however the last named were more prone to the Church.

"Now - my children - I adjure you, hold to your Hearts always, your Grand and Glorious Heritage. Your forbears have laid down requisite Precepts for you to follow. May they bee a stimulus to laudable ambition so you will worthy contributions to your Country, be a faithful servant to your Church and add renown and splendour to the History of the Irvine Family. My blessings rest upon you. May Jehovah be with you and prosper you."

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(In the middle of the Bible are the usual pages for the family births, marriages deaths.)

"BIRTHS"

"I, John Ervin, was born Monday March 25th, 1754
Jennett (Jane) Witherspoon, daughter to Gavin W - who became my 1st wife -
Thursday 23rd January 1753
Margaret E vin daughter to Hugh E- my 2nd wife - Born Sabbath 22nd June 1770
Sarrah my daughter Born 1 A.M. 21st September 1777
John my son - born 20 min. after 5 A.M. on 26th March 1780
Elizabeth my daughter - born 2 A.M. Sabbath 6th January 1782 during blizzard
Jane my daughter Born Wednesday morning 2nd 1784 at 10 o'clock of the day
John my son - 29th November at sunrise 1786
James Robert my son - born 35 min. to 5 November (7) 1788 of an evening
Hugh my son by wife Margaret - born 9th July 1792 about half hour after sunrise
Mary daughter to Margaret born 21st November between 12 and 1 o'clock of the
day 1794
John 3rd of that Name in my house - born 5 P.M. Friday on 2nd December 1796"

"MARRIAGES"

John Ervine esquire entered Holy estate of Matrimony with Elizabeth daughter to
Robert Allison (Ellison) esquire at 11 A.M. on 28th December 1744/5. by the
Rev. John Rae

Hugh Irvine married with Mary daughter to Robert Allison on 29th December 1751 on
the Sabbath.

Margaret Irvine married with Hon. Edwards on 3rd May 1772 at 10 o'clock of a
morning.

John Ervine was united in Matrimony with Jane daughter to Gavin Witherspoon,
evening of 10th January 1775. Ceremony by Rev. James Edmonds. (She desc of
the Reformer Jno Knox)

Robert Ervin married together with Jane Ervin on 18th September 1782

Sarah Ervin with Richard Welch, sold Amer. Revo. - son of Jas W - of Charles
Towne and desc. of Reformer Jno Welch) 10th June 1791.

John Ervin and Margaret Ervin daughter to Hugh E - on evening of 6th of Oct. 1791

(Different Writing)

"James Robert Ervin to Elizabeth Powe daughter to Gen. Erasmus Powe, noon 3rd
February 1813.

John Ervin - Harriet Glenn Pope on June 7th 1827.

James Robert Ervin - Mrs. Ann Vareen on 2nd January 1834

John Witherspoon Ervin with Laura Catherine Nelson granddaughter of Capt. John
Nelson (and daughter of Jared N.) 21 Nov. 1844

Lawrence Nelson Ervin to Elizabeth Gotea Wilson 27th Dec. 1871

Erasmus Powe Ervin to Sara Lucille Sullivan Mch. 6, 1907."

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"DEATHS"

James Irvine, inf-passed on 3rd April 1753
John Irvine or Ervin my honored father departed this life at 12 o'clock on the day of 18th March 1773
James Irvine Esquire my Venerable grandfather son to John & Grandson to Jno- passed on Sabbath morn at 3o'clock 31st July 1776 ripe in years
Elizabeth Irvine granddaughter to Jno - in the fall of 1766
Robert Allison (Ellison) Esquire my grandfather passed 1st May 1772
John Ervin my son died 9th Oct. aged 8 mons.
Elizabeth James Irvine departed this life Saturday evening at 11 o'clock on 1st December 1782 in midst of her family
James Ervin passed on 13th September 1784
Hugh Ervine passed on 25th September at 20 minutes after noon 1785
Jane Ervin my daughter on 4th Aug. 1786 aged 2 years
John Ervin my son passed on 13th November 1788 aged 2 years
Jane Witherspoon Ervin my wife - at Daybreak Friday 20th September 1790-37 years
Sarah E vin my daughter - on 26th January 1791 aged 14 years
Elizabeth Ervin my loving mother and consort to John Irvin Senr passed about mid-night 18th Nov. 1795 lamented by family and community
Mary my daughter by Margaret - on 3rd October 1796
Robert Ervin passed on 20th January 179_ (7 or 8 last figure)
Margaret Ervin my wife departed this life 3rd Aug. 1798 in her 28th year."

Different Writing)

"Colonel John Ervin, distinguished leader in Ware of American Revolution, departed this life on Tuesday morning1810" (other family records give death date as 5 May 1810).

Hugh Ervin - on 24th July 1817

Samuel Ervin on fifth May 1823

Elizabeth Powe Ervin, wife of Jas. Robt Ervin, died Friday 8th June 1832

James Robert Ervin passed away on Sunday of 26th June 1836

John Ervin died 5th May 187_ (last fig. not plain. Another family record gives death as 6 March 1878)

Laura C. Nelson Ervin - on Friday 29th July 1887 at 1 P.M.

John Witherspoon Ervin, died on 15th April 1902

Lawrence Nelson Ervin died 7th May 1893-Confederate Soldier, wounded in battle.

Elizabeth Gotea Wilson Ervin - on 16th Feb. 1920."

Note: Foregoing furnished to Miss Clara Ervin by Mrs. H. R. Hughes 5/1/59

BIBLE RECORDS*

Front Page

ELIZABETH ALLISON ERVIN'S BIBLE

(This Bible has no section for births, marriages, deaths, but she used blank page to record following).

"My father, Robert Allison, passed 1772. (The name during long years has been spelt Allyson, Ellison, Elison, Allison, etc.) My mother was Mary Lide or Lloyd (daughter to Robt. Lloyd from Wales to Penn. about 1683). My grandparents were John Allison & Elizabeth Matthews of Va. He being son of Robt and Ann Myhill. He being son of Capt. Robt Allison & Hannah Gerard of Maryland and Va. He being son of Robt. Allison and Sarah Spence of Va. He being son of JOHN ALLISON, Ellison b. Windyedge, County Lanark, Scotland, who married with Ellin Hamilton and came to Va. in early days before 1625. The first ones of our family lived in Va. and Maryland. I hereby name my Bros. and Sisters:

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- (1) Brother Matthew & Mary were married 1743 and their offspring were: Joseph, Robt b. 1752, Elizabeth, James, John B. 1762 M. 1784 Lucy Erwin, & John Jr. M. Tabythe Spence.
- (2) Bro. Robert 1720-90 lived in Cheraw, Laurens, M. 1st Elizabeth Scott 1740. Offspring - Rob, James. Bro. Robt M. second 1766 Francis Lewis, Watson Daus - Rob Jr. b. 1741 M. Mary Johathon Johnston, and eldest, Johnston M. Mary Susan Fowe - Lewis married Margaret Powere, had 10 offspring - James M. Mary Kilgore, Offspring - James, John who B. 1774 M. Elizabeth Creswell - - etc.
- (3) Sister Mary M. 1751 Hugh Ervin Sr. (See Ervin Bible)
- (4) Bro John b. 1736 remained longer in Va. M. there 1765 Ann Creswell.
- (5) Elizabeth, myself, M. 1744 John Ervin Sr. Our offspring, Elizabeth Sarah, James Robert, John (Colonel), Margt. Jeane, Hugh, and two died young. (See Ervin History for descendants.)

Both my husband and myself gave gratefully our time and service to our Country at beginning of Great Struggle for Independence. I nursed the Sick and John was Commissary Assembling medicines and Equipments. He never lived to see Victory, but I did."

DESCRIPTION OF BIBLE: "Imprinted at London by Robt. Barker, Printer to King's Most Excellent Majesty ---Annp 1613"

(Copy from Sarah Sullivan Ervin to Mrs. John Witherspoon Ervin of Oklahoma City, to Mrs. Hugh R. Hughes, Cushing, Okla.)

*Above copied from copy mailed to Miss Clara Ervin on May 1, 1959 by Mrs. H.R. Hughes, 1000 South Howerton, Cushing, Okla.

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The ALLISONS are offshoots of the famous Clan Macalister that lived in Argyshire. The ALISON comes from Alister, or Alexander. MacAlister means - sone or descendants of Alister, or Alexander, Chief of the McAlisters. The name Alison, Allin son and Elison, Ellysen, etc. are interchangeably mixed. The name in early records was often spelled Ellison and Allison when referring to the same individual; also, this was true in early records in the Carolinas (SC Histl. Mag-Vol 24, p. 113; Vol.26, 125; Vol 31, 64). Bardsley says "With regard to Alis and Ellis and Alison and Elison, recorded in Text, I may remind the reader that 'A' and 'E' were all but convertible...."

SOMERLED, THANE OF ARGYLE, grandfather of -

ALEXANDER, eldest son of Angus Mor, Lord of the Isles and Kintyre in 1824 (the grandson of Somerled, Thane of Argyle), representatives of the ancient Lord of the Isles, Via;

DUGALD of the Islands of Mull, Coll and Jura. From him are the McDugals of Argyle. His brother (2nd son of Somerled) -

ROLAND, had: Donald and Roderic

DONALD (grandson of Somerled) had (See Hist. of the Lords of the Isles) -

ANGUS MOR (son of Donald, son of Ronald, son of Somerled) had two sons -

ALEXANDER, OR ALISTER - and

ANGUS(who remained loyal to Robert The Bruce and received confiscated lands of his brother).

The son ALEXANDER, or ALISTER, of Loups, married a daughter of John of Lorn and they opposed Robert the Bruce. He was taken prisoner and died there 1309. He had sons - the 2nd son, John MacAlister with his followers fled for their lives to Sir Winter de Hamilton when they were driven from Ooupe in Argyshire by followers of Bruce. They then settled at Cairnduff, parish of Avondale, County Lanark, Scotland and changed their name to the lowland name ALLISON. As shown above, the original estate at Loupe went to the younger brother. (So John McAlister became John Allison).

During the period of persecutions against the Presbyterians, ministers were ejected from their pulpits and declared rebels, the moors and mountains of Scotland were scoured and all who refused to abjure the Covenant were slain by sword or gun. The Allisons lost their homes and were exiles, even Cairnduff was lost to them and they were later identified with WINDYEDGE in Avondale, Lanarkshire. During the following years, members of the family escaped to England and America. One of the Allisons that left Scotland at the time of the Planting of Ulster had an Isabella, who was chained out in the sea till the tide came in and when it was surging in her mouth, she was asked - "Will you recant now, and kiss the Pope?" She and another woman with her, held up their hands, saying, "For Zion's King, and Zion's cause, and Scotland's Convenanted Laws" - and died.

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JOHN ALISON of Windyedge in Avondale, county Lanark, a follower and companion of Sir Robert Hamilton, married Ellin Hamilton and named his eldest son ROBERT for Sir Robert Hamilton. It was at Windyedge that Sir Robert Hamilton, the Allisons and others were wont to meet and discuss plants for war. The two families were also associated in America and South Carolina. John Hamilton petitioned the South Carolina government for 200,000 acres to settle a colony. It was this man's grandfather who was one of the most important leaders of the migration of Scots to Ireland.

Among these early Allisons, Archibald was a martyr; Michael removed to Pennsylvania; Thomas, Hugh, Robert, etc. to Maryland; William, John and others to Pennsylvania. Later descendants of some of these men removed to the Carolina. As for instance, a Wm. Ellison to Pa. abt 1744 had a son, Maj. Robt., who md Elizabeth Potts and removed to Fairfield County, S. C. He was Capt. under MOULTRIE in S.C. His children were: William, John, Robert, James, Joseph, Sarah and Mary. I shall follow in detail, later, the ones who removed to North & South Carolina.

JOHN ALLISON and wife Ellin came to Virginia. He came in the ship PROSPEROUS and she came in the CHARITIE & they were married in Va. They were living at ARCHER'S Hope by 1625 (See Hotten's List of Quality from Great Britain to American Plantations, etc. p 230, which gives MUSTER of Inhabitants of Colony of Virginia taken winter of 1625). Mrs. P. W. Hiden looked into these early records for me. (She lives at Newport News, Va.) She says that ARCHER'S HOPE was in JAMES CITY COUNTY, the records of which Co. have been destroyed. She says this place was less than 10 miles to the York county line which adjoins old James City on the north, and that a Robt. Allison was there & of age to transact business in 1648 and it is mentioned in Fleets Colonial Abstracts, Vols. 25, 25.. and that there was a great migration from "the Valley" to South Carolina. From the book "Lost Tribes of N. C." by Worth S. Ray, pp 198, 258 - "Archer's Hope...4 miles from Jamestown and 7 miles from Williamsburg ...was a rich plantation and first settlement in Va.. some few miles from the boundary of York County."

JOHN ALLISON (ELLYSON as it came to be spelled in Va.) and wife Ellin had - -

ROBERT ELLYSON (Allison) was was transacting business in James City Co. by 1648 (Fleets Colo. Abstracts) and died by 1656. He owned land in both Virginia and Maryland, and made several trips back and forth to England and was a person of wealth. He had two known sons - Capt. Robert and Thomas (See Virkus, Vol. 7, p. 89. . "Robt, Ellyson...in Maryland ante 1643, Sheriff of St. Mary's County, Md., 1643, removed to James City, county, Virginia". Virkus is not accepted without further proof, but this can be found in the Archives of Md. & Va. VIZ-Maryland Archives, Vol.1, p. 143, date 2 Aug. 1642 - Robt. Ellison, assessed 30 lb. to help pay for clerk & drummer, St. Mary's Co." Note - Several gentlemen were assessed to provide funds for this badly needed office.

2 Sept. 1642 - "Robert. Ellison excused for absence as BEING OUT OF THE PROVIDENCE" (In Virginia or England).

Also other items: Vol. 4, 1642, date 5 Nov; 5 May 1643; 5 Jan. 1643; in Vol. 4, he several times went to Court to secure payment of money due him for his services as PHYSICIAN; March 1643, he was appointed JURYMEN for St. Mary's, Maryland. There was considerable litigation over some GUNS in possession of Robt. ELLYSON. The importance of GUNS is strikingly shown by this.

Vol. 4, p 231..RCBT. ELLYSON, coran Lieuten. Grael was SWORNE SHERIFF in forme supra Page 28, Jan. 1, 1643".

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INASMUCH as nothing further can be found in MARYLAND archives about this Robt. Ellyson (and note the name is spelled various ways) after 1644, he evidently lived in Virginia after that date. His wife & family continued to own property or land in MD, or his sons, Robert & Thomas did. VIZ-

"Mr. Thos. Ellison (Vol. 49, Apr. 1664, Order 341, Lib. BB p. 246) - COMPLAINT made by Hon. Philip Calvert Esq. on behalf of Mr. Thos. Ellison of VIRGINIA that one man servant by name James Courtney, alias Mudge . . . was apprehended..."

And also complaint 6 Oct. 1664 by Atty. of ROBERT ELISON OF VIRGINIA... "run away servant..." These records in Maryland show that the family had removed to Virginia.

III.-- ROBERT ALLISON, Ellyson, married Sarah Spence (dau. of Ensign William Spence, a member of the Burgesses 1619, 1st representative Assembly in America... his dau. Sarah in 1625 was living in Elizabeth Citle, aged 4, with the widow Susan Bushe. John ELLISON or Elisone, etc. deposed for her regarding a lease-swem 21V53. Also note, Sarah may have been dau. of Wm. Spence, Jr. or Thos., and tradition wrong.) The following families, connected with Allison, Ellyson or Virginia, also were later connected in S. C.: Hamilton, Spence, Ervin, Roberts, Bushe, Johnston, Scott, Lloyd (lde), Matthewaste. ISSUE OF ROBERT & SARAH as far as known:

Capt. Robert, Thomas

The son THOMAS b. 3/3/1638, d. aft. 1680, married 9/18/1622 Mary Roberts in England. This family located in Charles county, Maryland. Among the chn. were: John b. _____, Charles, d. 1698 md. Susannah Posey and had John, Thomas & others.

ROBERT & SARAH ALLISON, Ellyson, owned land in MARYLAND as well as Virginia, see page 2 already given, viz: 2 Aug. 1642, assessed 30 lbs. in St. Mary's County; 2 Sept. 1642, excused for absence, being out of Province; Jan. 1643, Sheriff... no record of him in Maryland after 1644, as he had removed to Virginia.

III.- CAPTAIN ROBERT ELLYSON (Allyson, removed from Maryland to Va. (See: Tyler's Quarterly, July 1928). He had land granted 1656 (577 acres in New Kent, which passed to his son & heir Gerald Robt. Ellyson. See also, Books at Land Office, Richmond, Va.) He became BURGESS from James City county, Va. in 1656, & High Sheriff. It was very definite that this Robt. Ellyson, who was in Maryland, was father of Hannah, who married Capt. Anthony Armistead, & of Girard Ellyson, who md. Anne Myhill. The Baltimore Sun, 2/26/1905, has Genealogy of Ellyson family also

Family papers say he married Hannah Gerard & had issue:

- (1) Hannah, md. Capt. Anthony Armistead
- (2) Gerard Robt md. Anne Myhill

d. bef. 1750 at "Adv. age".

IV.--GERARD ROBERT ELLYSON (Allison) married Ann(e) Myhill (dau. of John Myhill. She left will dated 7 Jan. 1727, proved Elizabeth City. See Wm. & M. (1) p 253... the will of Joshua Myhill dated 1727, prv. Eliz City, names Sister Anne Ellyson. ISSUE of Gerald Robt. & Ann(e) Ellyson:

- (1) John bptz 1668
- (2) Gerard, b. abt. 1670, left W. Chesterfield; 2nd wife Sarah
- (3) Robt. of New Kent, prob. father of Robt. who md. Sarah Clopton, sister of Hon. Jno. Clopton, & had: Ann md 1st Wm Lightfoot, 2nd- Jno. Colgin of C, as City Co. (From Va. Hist. Soc.)
- (4) Elizabeth md. John Johnston of Hanover 6 Aug. 1725
- (5) Prob, Thos. who d. in Chesterfield abt 1761, leaving a son Robert also Gerard, Thos. Gerald md. 1756 Eliz Ford.

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V. JOHN ELLYSON (Allison) baptz. 1668, of New Kent County, Va., married in Ba. abt. 1690 Elizabeth Matthews. ISSUE: Robert, Ellin, Hector, Andrew, William, Saray, Charlie, and Hugh.

VI. ROBERT ELLYSON (Allison) b. abt. 1695 in Virginia, removed to South Carolina, left will, filed Charleston, S.C. 1770-1772, Bk 1771-74, p. 156, dated 5 Nov. 1770. He d. 1 May 1772 (Charleston recds). He married abt 1715 Mary Lide (Lloyd). dau. of Robert Lloyd b. 1669, to America on Ship Lion to Pa. 1683 at 14 yrs...from Merionethshire, Wales, Md. 11 Oct 1698 Lowry Jones from Wales (Ref: "Adger-Law Ancestral Note Bk. Pub. at Spartanburg, S. C. 1936; page 106) Robt. Lloyd was grandfather of Major Robt. Lide (Lloyd) of S. C. ISSUE OF ROBT. ELLYSON. ALLISON, & WIFE MARY: Matthew, Elizabeth, Robt., Mary, John. Some of these lived for a while near the Lloyd family in Pa., but members of both families came to S. C. (Maj. Robt. Lide was reared by maternal uncle Crawford & brought from Roanoke, Va. to the PeeDee section of S. C. & served under Marion in S. C. in Revolution. Some of family settled in N. C. ROBT. ELLISON, ALLISON, & MARY lived in Craven county, S.C., Williamsburg Township. In his will he says ... "son Matthew's children...., Hugh Ervin's children, my grandchildren & children of Mary...my son Robert's 2 children, minors....Robt. Ellison my grandson, son of Matthew...John Ervin, Sr. Executor"...From the Ervin & Allison family Bible record we get more details. Of the children of this Robert & Mary Allison, Ellison, we know: Matthew, Robert, Elizabeth, Mary and John.

(1) MATTHEW, b. abt. 1718, d. bef Dec. 1767 (as estate was administered then) married abt. 1743 Mary (Connall) who married again after his death. See Vol. 26, p; 125 S. C. Histl. Magazine: "Robert ALLISON enters a Caviat against letters of Adminr. granted to Mary Allison & Jno Ervin on estate of Matthew ALLISON late of Williamsburg until he is heard, 20 May 1768"- and also Vol. 31, p 64 - "To His Excellency....these are to certify that I, Mary Connall, formerly the widow & Relax of Matthew ELISON deceased, do beg & desire that Robert ELISON My Late Husbond's Father may be admitted to Joyne John Erwin & myself in the administration of my Late Husbond Mathew Ellison's Estate....3 Nov. 1768"... "In the Court of Ordinary Nov. 25th His Excellency was pleased to sign the above & to allow Robert ALLISON & John Erwin to qualify as Administrators jointly with Mary Connell"... (lease note the way the names are spelled, sometimes ALLISON, sometimes Ellison, etc.)MATTHEW & MARY ALLISON had ISSUE:

a- Robt., the grson named, b 1752 in 1790 census, Cheraw

b- Elizabeth

c- John b. 1762, prof. in Pa. while father lived there for a time. John lived in Washington Co., Va. in 1780, & later followed other members of family to Nc-SC

d- James, wife Sara, apparently Rev. 3. in Williamsburg, pl15, Bob-Removed from Cheraw Dist. to Upper Laurens of 96 Dist.

(2) ROBERT (son of Robt. & Mary Lide Allison), b. 1720, died 1788-90, served in Marion's Brigade in Amer. Revo., married twice: 1st - Elizabeth Scott in 1740 (she b. 1722, d. 1766. They had a son Robt. b. 1741 who md Dec. 1763 Mary Johnson of Williamsburg & had: Johnson, Mary); 2nd - 1766 Frances Avant & had 2 minor chn. named in grandfather's will because this time many persons were removing from lower part of state to more healthful lands in upper part of state, where new lands were opened for settlement soon after Revolution. Robert, Sr. left a will, filed at LAURENS Court House, SC proved 5 Jan. 1791 (Bk A, p. 53 the will is copied on p. 138 "South Carolinians in the Revolution" by Sara S. Ervin, 1949) ISSUE: James, Robert, William, Joseph, Samuel, Francis, Moses, Lewis, Watson, Margaret, Mary, and Ann.

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a-Lewis b. 1769 in S.C., d. 1842 in Miss. Md(in 1798) Margaret Powers, b. 1776 in S.C., d. 1851 in Miss. Married in 1798. ISSUE: Jonathan, Thos, Wm, Holloway, Nathl, Mary, Alsey, Elizabeth, Susan, Margaret. The boys moved to Texas. Margaret md. Elijah Anderson.

b. Joseph B. 8 Jan 1753, bptz 25 Feb.

c-Robert, b. 1741, Md. Dec. 1763 Mary Jonathan Johnson of Williamsburg- Issue: Johnston or Jonathan (perhaps Jonathan Johnston Ellison) b. 1770 in S.C., removed to Georgia & cn to Miss. He married in Ga. on Christmas Day 1794 Mary Susan Poor (Powe) b. 1769. Had - 14 chn.: Moses, Thos. P., Joe, Mrs. Mary Gold... ohters. Moses was b. Jan. 1802, Md. Mary Coker 1798-1847.

THE FATHER OF THIS FAMILY WAS LIEUT. ROBERT ELLISON. Seed S.C. Histl. Commission, Indent Bk.Y, Stub No. 544. Affidavit made 25, July 1782 for 9 mos. 20 das in Marion's Brigade in 1781-1781 & e mos as 1st Lieut in 1781! (All of the family connections served under MARION) D.A.R. No-125585:SAR 582.

THE ALLISONS had removed from Williamsburg before 1790 and none show in that census there, except Sarah Allison. They were in Cheraw and Laurens.

(3) JOHN ALLISON(Robert Allison 1695-1772 & Mary Loyd's younger son) b. 1736, did not come to Williamsburg, S. C. with father, but remained longer in Virginia, marrying there 24 Aug 1765 (Marriage Bonds of Norfolk County; also Swen's Index 8W(2) 105) to Ann Creswell - - They later removed or settled near N.C.-S.C. line, not far from where Lide (Lloyd) family located on the S. C. side. They had a son Wm. & a son John.

JOHN b. 1772-1774 who Md in Parsons county, N. C. Polly Johnston 12/2/1799 (recorded at County seat of Roxboro-----ISSUE: (Jno & Polly removed southward)

1-- John Johnston Ellison b. 1801, Md. 3/26/1821

(Tenta-Martha Brown Pleasants & had 10 children, b. in Persons Co.N. C.& five recored in Family Bible. They remained in N. C. or removed to Va.

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2- William abt. 1803, went west

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3- Elihu C. Allison b. 1808, married Margaret Neely

See also

4-James b. 1810

Laurens

5-Ann Smith

line)

6-Dau. md Russell Crawford

7-David?

(4) ELIZABETH ALLISON (daughter of Robert & Mary Lide Allison) md. 1744 John Ervin, Sr.

(5) MARY ALLISON(sister to Elizabeth) md. Hugh Ervin Sr. (bro. to Uno Ervin Sr.) in 1751 (These 2 daus. are named in their father's will 1770-72 and their husbands are called "son-in-law". The Ervin family lived in Williamsburg, but intermarried with POWE of Cheraw and connected with others on the PeeDee & in Marlboro county. For the two daus. who married ERVINS, see the ERVIN HISTORY.

RETURNING to Robert 1695-1772, who had a son Mathew Allison, Ellison. This Matthew had chn: Robt, John, Elizabeth...

The son JOHN b. 1762 in Fenn. where his father lived for a time near the Lloyd family, and with some of these relatives, removed to Va., Washington county, where he lived 1780, served in Amer. Revolution in Va., removed as did ather relatives, near the N.C.-S.C. line (it was prob. S.C. where he sellted there, but later line was surveyed and it fell in N.C.) He was PENSIONED in N. C. Died aged 75 (1835) at home of dau. in Rutherford county, N.C. His land lay along the disputed BOUNDARY. His will recored at Rutherford C.H.N.C. dated 2 March 1835 (Bk E, p 26). It names Children:

William, John, Jonathan, Judah Pack's 5 chn;
Delilah, Newman, Sara Pack, Lucy, Halbrok,
Nancy Pack...step-son Moses Hall. The father
md. abt. 1784, Lucy Erwin.

JOHN ELLISON JR., named in father's will, b. 1795 in (then) S.C. md. 1823 Tabitha SPENCE (Note, an earlier Spence married by 1st Robt. E-) Both Jno & Tabitha show in Mississippi census, Chickasaw county, 1850, John being aged 55 & Tabitha 58. He d. 1868. Chn: Joel aged 25 & wife Eliza Crawford (Note an earlier Crawford connection: Phillip 27 & wife Elizabeth; Ira 19; William.

JOEL ELLISON b. 26 Mch 1826 in Ala., married 1843 in Atlanta, Miss. (/) to Elizabeth Crawford, b. S.C. 15 Nov. 1829, d. Feb. 21, 1897. Chn: Jno 1853-1877; Nathan d. aged 4, Corinne aged 15 in 1800 md. Burt Moore of Tex-S.C. Roe Ellison was b. in Chickasaw, Miss., md. Jeannette Russell (see Bible).

See copies of WILLS etc. attached

The foregoing data mailed to-

"Dear Mrs. Jones:

"Enclosed ALLISON, Ellison data...You can get a BAR on ELIZABETH ALLISON, who married John Ervin, Sr., also I think on John Ervin Sr., tho he died earlier than I first thought. This LAST Bible discovered gives-

"John Ervin d. 18 Mch 1773, & records recently found at Charleston, bear this out. He married Elizabeth Allison 28 Dec. 1744.

"The Bible record enclosed, ought to be proof.

"Cordially

"Sara S. Ervin"

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AMERICAN ERVINS

James Ervin (A-1), who was Scotch Presbyterian descent, was probably born in North Ireland, where he married Elizabeth James, the daughter of John James, who was a Captain of Dragoons under William of Orange in the Irish wars against James II. James Ervin and his wife and their four children- Robert Ervin (B-1), John Ervin, Sr. (B-2), Hugh Ervin (B-3), and Elizabeth Ervin (B-4)-migrated to America in 1732 and settled near Kingstree, in Williamsburg County, South Carolina. James Ervin died July 31, 1776, and Elizabeth James Ervin, his wife, died November 6, 1766.

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John Ervin, Sr. (B-2), the son of James Ervin (A-1) and Elizabeth James, his wife, was born in North Ireland. He spent his mature life in Williamsburg County, South Carolina, where he pursued the calling of a planter and was a member of the Presbyterian Church. John Ervin, Sr. (B-2) married Elizabeth Ellison, the daughter of Robert Ellison, and had nine children: (I) Elizabeth Ervin (C-2), who was born March 14, 1748; (II) Sarah Ervin (C-3), born February 10, 1750 and died February 28, 1772; (III) James Ervin (C-4), born March 25, 1752 and died September 13, 1784; (IV) John Ervin (C-5), born March 25, 1754 and died June 1810; (V) Jean Ervin (C-6) born March 16, 1756; (VI) Mary Ervin (C-7), born Sept. 21, 1758 and died Feb. 17, 1785; (VII) Robert Ervin (C-8), born April 26, 1761 and died Jan. 20, 1797; (VIII) Hugh Ervin (C-9), born Oct. 14, 1763 and died Sept. 9, 1769; and (IX) Margaret Ervin (C-10), born June 10, 1765.

John Ervin, Sr. (B-2) died March 18, 1773. Elizabeth Ervin, his widow, died November 18, 1795.

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Col. John Ervin (C-5), son of John Ervin, Sr. (B-2) and Elizabeth Ellison, his wife, was born in the Cedar Swamp section of Williamsburg County, South Carolina, March 25, 1754; married Jane Witherspoon, the daughter of Gavin Witherspoon, Sr. and Jane James, his wife, Jan. 10, 1775. Had the following issue by her:

- (I) Samuel James Ervin (D-10), born in Marion District, South Carolina, July 6, 1776, and died at Coal Bluff, Alabama, Jan. 26, 1823;
- (II) Sarah Ervin (D-11), born in Marion District Sept. 21, 1777 and died there Jan. 26, 1791;
- (III) John Ervin (D-12), born in Marion District Mch. 26, 1780 and died there Oct. 9, 1780;
- (IV) Elizabeth Ervin (D-13), born in Marion District Jan. 6, 1782 and died in Copiah County, Miss. Sept. 12, 1844. (Half-sister to John Ervin (D-19), married Ebenezer Ford, uncle to Asenath Ford, who married John Ervin (D-19), son of John Ervin and Catherine Ford).
- (V) Jane Ervin (D-14), born in Marion District Jan. 2, 1784 and died there Aug. 4, 1786;
- (VI) John Ervin (D-15), born in Marion Dist. Nov. 29, 1786 and died there Nov. 13, 1788; and
- (VII) James Robert Ervin (D-16), born in Marion District Nov. 7, 1788 and died in Montgomery County, North Carolina June 26, 1836. (Married Elizabeth Pope, daughter of Gen. Erasmus & Esther Pope, Feb. 3, 1815).

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Col John Ervin

Contracted a second marriage with his first cousin, Margaret Ervin (C-19). the daughter of Hugh Irvin, Sr. (B-3) and Elizabeth James, his second wife, Oct. 6, 1791, and had issue by her as follows:

- (I) Hugh Ervin (D-17). born in Marion Dist., South Carolina, July 9, ⁷
~~1772~~ ¹⁷⁷³ and died July 24, 1817; (*married Ann Ford in Marion County, Miss. 21*)
(II) Mary Ervin (D-18), born in Marion Dist. Nov. 21, 1794 and died
there Oct. 3, 1796; and
(III) John Ervin (D-19), born in Marion Dist. S. C., Dec. 2, 1796 and
died in Hinds County, Mississippi March 6, 1878. (*married Asenath Ford*)
which died in 1826.

John Ervin (C-5) removed to Marion County, South Carolina after attaining his majority and was Colonel of one of the regiments of Gen. Francis Marion's Brigade during the Revolution. He was a planter by calling and an elder in the Presbyterian Church. Colonel John Ervin (C-5) died June 1810. Margaret Ervin (C-19) second wife of John Ervin (C-5) was born June 22, 1770 and died Aug. 3, 1798.

John Ervin (D-19), second son of Col. John Ervin (C-5) and Margaret Ervin (C-19) his second wife, was born on his father's plantation on the Pee Dee River in Marion County, South Carolina, Dec. 2, 1796; was reared in the Presbyterian Church; was a soldier of the War of 1812; removed to Mississippi early in the 1800s and settled in Hinds County, where he acquired a large landed estate and many slaves, and pursued the calling of a planter; united with the Methodist Church subsequent to his removal to Mississippi and served for many years as a steward therein; was a Democrat in politics - wrote the following letter to Robert Hugh Ervin (E-46) of Alabama: (*married Asenath Ford, Marion County, Miss, 19 Sept. 1816*)?

Hinds, Miss. May 7, 1853

*My dear Bob:

This is the third letter I've attempted to write after receiving your kind favors, the last dated February 4th. I will say that it is not from want of due regard, I assure you, for oftentimes your name is held in kind remembrance. I will charge it to pure laziness or you may, and with this ask your forgiveness, and promise for the future to be more punctual. In answer to the last, I claim a small share or claim somewhat of an apology, having waited some time to see Mary Cooper (E-47), hoping to gratify your request by sending you an account of marriages, ages, etc., but on examining I only find your grandfather Ervin's (C-5) marriage with your grandmother, Jane Witherspoon - this was in 1775. I have mislaid the memorandum of date, but in my next will send date, with the age of your old aunt Ford (D-13), who was born in 1782. Their increase who lived to maturity were your father (D-10), your aunt Elizabeth (D-13) and James (D-16). Your grandfather Ervin's (C-5) second marriage was to my mother, Margaret Ervin (C-19). Their issue was your Uncle Hugh (D-17), from whom one of your names springs - that of Hugh - and myself. Hugh was born July 9, 1792; myself, Dec. 2, 1796

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*This letter was to Robert Ervin, son of Samuel Ervin (D-10) b. July 6, 1776 d. in Ala. Jan 26, 1823.

Your great-grandfather Ervin (B-2) was from Ireland, and your great-grandmother also. A great grand-uncle, Hugh Ervin (B-3), came from Ireland. The two brothers settled in Williamsburg district. Your great-grandfather, whose name was John (B-s) settled on Black River, near a little place called King's Tree. He had three sons - your grandfather John (C-5); Robert (C-8) and James (C-4). The daughters were - Jane (C-6); Sarah (C-3); and Elizabeth (C-2). Jane married a James (a brother or a son of the James who gave the British officer such a cold-handed reception - see Marion's life). Sarah married a Mathews; and Elizabeth, a Fulton.

Your grand-uncle Robert (C-8) married a sister of my mother, Jane Ervin (C-17). James (C-4) also married but I am not aware who, and left two sons who died young. Your great grand-uncle Hugh (B-3) had two wives. The first family were; Hugh (C-14), and two daughters, Mrs. McCollure (C-13), and Mrs. Cannon (C-15), whose daughter married a Connally - and I have been told her daughter is wife to your I. Clemens. My great-grandmother was a James, sister of the noted James whom I mentioned above. Their issue were: James (C-23); William (C-24), Jane (C-17) and Margaret (C-19). You may readily judge that I am an Irishman, and yourself not far from it. You father (D-10) was married thrice, the first was a Mrs. Sarah James, daughter of Captain Dewites; they had a little son who died quite young. His second marriage was to Harriet Keith, of Darlington district, and their issue that lived to mature age were; Harriet (E-43), Amelia (E-44), and James (E-45). The third was your mother. I have given you as correctly as I well can, and for a more accurate statement will refer you to your cousin Samuel (E-48), who can be addressed at Darlington Court House, South Carolina. I will make some inquiries of some relatives for your benefit as well as myself. You wished to know if Hugh moved west of Missouri. He merely went to look at the country, but came back disappointed and located in old Hinds again, three miles from where he formerly lived. He has some 1,100 acres of tolerably good upland. Can you get him a good wife? I rather think he is a candidate or soon will be; his children are scattered. He has his little boys with him. His eldest daughter is with Thomas going to school; his youngest is with me; a daughter lives about six miles from me; Henry, three miles; Margaret is living in Claiborne, twenty seven miles. They are all steady and hope will do well. You requested me to say something of Burch. The last I knew he was teaching school between Raymond and Clinton - and at that time was doing well - but you are aware of his weak points. My crop this last season was good, some nine bales to the hand, making some \$275.00 to the hand, plenty of provisions, corn, meat, etc. You wrote me your plan of farming, which I think is good. Had I the facilities should adopt it, let cotton go ahead or not. It gives room for great

(1) Mary Ervin (C-7) married Capt. John James, son of the famous Major John James. It is also possible, of course, that Jane Ervin, whose correct name was Jean Ervin (C-6), also married a James. The writer has been able to discover no record of the marriage or date of death of Jean Ervin.

(2) Sarah Ervin (C-3) married John Dobbin. This fact is established beyond doubt by the Bible of John Ervin, Sr. (B-2).

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improvements to the farm. Where we have a full cotton crop it is out of the question. I will come to a close, and reserve for next. Give my best respects to your Sarah, and tell her I should be much pleased to become acquainted with her., if she could stand my roughness. I should write more, but am about starting to church.

Your affectionate Uncle,
John Ervin (D-19)

- b. 2 Dec 1796
d. 6 March 1878*
- b. 3 Oct. 1801
d. 1826-?*
- John Ervin (D-19) contracted a first marriage with Asenath Ford, daughter of John & Catherine Ford, and niece of Judge Ebenezer Ford; had issue by her -
1. Hugh Ford Ervin (E-56), born in Marion Co., Miss. Sept. 1, 1817; married Delilah W. Pope, daughter of John & Elizabeth Pope of Hinds Co. Miss.;
 2. John Ervin, born in Marion County, Miss., Aug. 19, 1819; died Aug. 17, 1821;
 3. Thomas Griffin Ervin (E-57), born in Hinds County, Miss., April 9, 1825; married Martha Ann Sumrall, daughter of Henry Sumrall of Copiah Co., Miss.; died Jan. 15, 1900.
- Asenath lived in St. Raymond Parish and died in Covington La. Oct 1823. Not Judge Cheney 2nd of Hinds Co. Miss. He was son of Joseph Ford and Catherine first cousin of As*

John Ervin (D-19) contracted a second marriage with Harriet Glenn Pope Bridges, a widow, and daughter of John and Elizabeth Pope (Harriett Glenn born 1806 - died 1859); had issue by her as follows:

in Hinds County Miss. on 6 Jan 1827.

1. Samuel Clinton Ervin, born April 17, 1828; died Aug. 23, 1833; buried in Bear Creek Cemetery, Hinds County, Miss., with the Pops.
2. Henry Pope Ervin (E-58), born in Hinds County, Miss., Aug. 27, 1829; married (first) Sarah Elizabeth Sumrall sister of Martha Ann Sumrall the wife of his half-brother T. G. Ervin; and (second) Mattie Jane Haley;
3. Margaret Elizabeth Ervin (E-59), born in Hinds County, Miss., 1832; married Capt. Edward Bryan Willis in 1849.

John Ervin (D-19) contracted a third marriage with Elizabeth Waller Bradley, daughter of John and Mary Bradley, on February 13, 1861. No issue.

John Ervin (D-19) contracted a fourth marriage with Beatina Nixon, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Nixon, of Hinds Co., Miss., Dec. 24, 1863. No issue.

John Ervin (D-19) died at his home in Hinds County, Mississippi, March 6, 1878 - age 81 years, 3 months and 4 days - buried in Bear Creek Cemetery, near Utica, Hinds County, Mississippi.

This illustrious man was the founder of the Ervin family in Mississippi and this name is carried on by the descendants of the four children (D-56, E-57, E-58, and E-59) who survived and lived to maturity .

The following obituary was written by Bishop Charles Betts Galloway:

Colonel John Ervin (D-19) was born in Marion District, South Carolina, Dec. 2, 1796 and died at his residence in Hinds County, Mississippi March 6, 1878. At eighteen years of age he removed to Mississippi and settled in Marion County. Shortly afterward he bought property in Hinds County and was one of its first settlers, having resided at the place where he died for more than fifty years. Not long after his removal to the State of his adoption, where he spent his honored life in whose bosom he has found a peaceful grave, he became a member of the Methodist Church. His Christianity was of an active, positive type, ever "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord". The most intimate and cherished friends of his early manhood were the heroic Methodist itinerant preachers of this then missionary Southwest, with whom he often held sweet counsel. He was present at one of the early sessions of the Mississippi Conference, which was held in a private home, and was composed of scarcely a dozen members. That Conference to the last was ever a green spot in his memory.

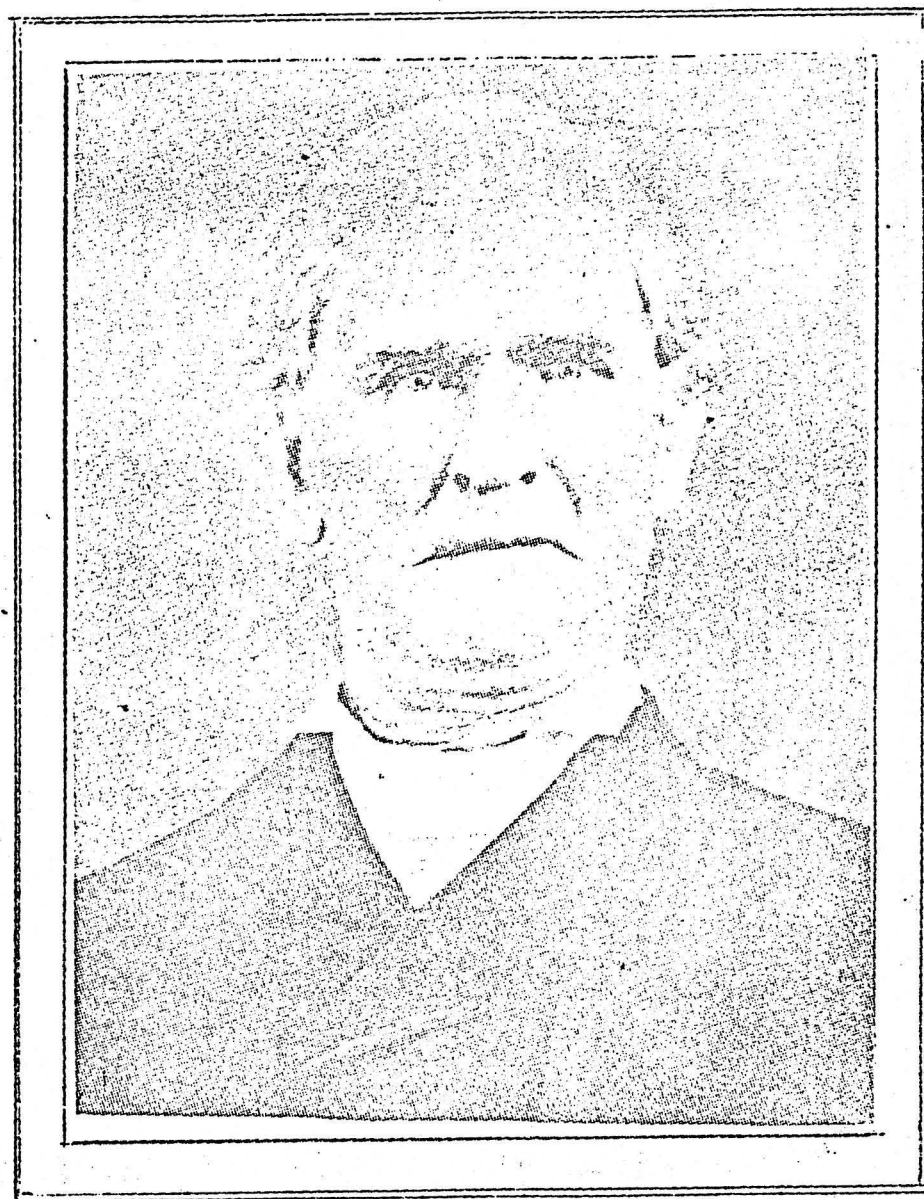
Often he would call the roll of that early band of heroes, and recount pleasant incidents in their history. He always kept a "prophet's chamber" in his hospitable home for the weary itinerant. It was regarded as a matter of course that the preacher would go to Brother Ervin's. Before his fortune was scattered by the sad casualties of war, he was distinguished for his generous, well-nigh princely hospitality. The brave men of the early days, who wrought so nobly and have gone to their rewards, found him ever a friend, true and tried.

Today in the courts above they will talk together of the warfare past and victories won. Since the war he has lived very quietly, at his old home, in age and feebleness extreme. As a Christian, he was prayerful, trustful and zealous. His seat in the sanctuary was rarely vacant. In public prayer he was gifted, and in younger years led in the services of song. Family worship was never neglected. Even in his last illness, when physical strength was almost exhausted, by the assistance of others, he knelt at his bedside and offered fervent prayer to God. Prayer was literally his watchword at the gate of heaven.

As a husband and father, he was devoted and tender. His children - two sons and a daughter, long since married and settled in life - treasure with filial pride his precious memory - his name without a strain.

His last wife, daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Nixon, survives and mourns his loss. He rests from his labors and his works do follow him.

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John Ervin (1796-1878), founder of -

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d. 1825
HUGH FORD ERVIN (E-56) 1st son of John Ervin (D-19) and Asenath Ford, his wife, born Sept. 1, 1817; educated at Daneville, Ky., served as private in the Confederate army during the War between the States; a Methodist; a planter; married Delilah W. Pope, daughter of John and Elizabeth Pope, about 1841; issue-

not a son
Amelia Louise Ervin (F), born Sept. 11, 1842 in Hinds County, Miss., educated in eastern colleges; accomplished in piano, voice and painting; taught until public schools were established in Miss. as governess and continued teaching several years. after war; died unwed Oct. 7, 1915; buried in Bear Creek Cemetery.

John Ervin (F), born Oct. 12, 1846 in Hinds County, served as private in War between the States; died unmarried in late October 1915; buried Bear Creek Cemetery.

Charles Ervin (F), born Aug. 2, 1847 in Hinds County, served in War between the States; died unmarried Jan 24, 1867; buried in Bear Creek Cemetery.

Elizabeth Helen Ervin (F), born Dec. 1849, married Jake Rumph; died Nov. 4, 1900; issue (Note - three children are shown with the Ervin surname - their mother had all names changed from Rumph to Ervin by law) -

Louis Kenneth Ervin (G), born Sept. 10, 1879; married Mattied Loraine Ford in 1909; died Jan. 29, 1956; buried in Bear Creek Cemetery: issue-

Kenneth Regan Ervin (H), born March 11, 1911 in Hinds Co. Miss.; married in New Orleans on June 29, 1935 to Inez Rachael Fabre; issue-

Kenneth Regan Ervin, Jr. (I), born Aug. 22, 1937;
and Sandra Delores Ervin (I), born Dec. 16, 1940--
both in New Orleans

Louise Ervin (H), born Sept. 10, 1913; married Wilson Holder
issue:

Robert Ervin Holder (I), born Dec. 16, 1939; and
Pamela Louise Holder (I), born Feb. 15, 1948

Lawrence Regan Ervin (Laurie) (G), born in 1882, died unmarried in 1924; buried in Bear Creek Cemetery.

NOTE: Mattie Loraine Ford Ervin, wife of Louis Kenneth Ervin (G), born Jan. 24, 1883; died Oct. 31, 1956 - both buried under double markers in Bear Creek Cemetery.

THOMAS GRIFFIN ERVIN (E-57), (son of John Ervin (D-19) and Asenath Ford, his first wife, was born in Hinds County, Miss., on April 9, 1825; was educated at Centenary College; was a planter; served as quartermaster sergeant in the Confederate Army during the War Between the States; married Martha Ann Sumrall (dtr. of Henry and Sarah Neal Sumrall of Copiah Co., Miss.) Dec. 25, 1850; died in Hinds Co., Miss. Jan. 15, 1900; buried in Bear Creek Cemetery. Had issue as follows:

1. Sarah Alice Ervin (F), born Oct. 18, 1851 in Hinds Co., Miss.; died March 16, 1852; buried in Bear Creek Cemetery.
2. Henry Ervin (F), born Jan. 8, 1853 in Hinds Co., Miss.; died Dec. 7, 1856; buried in Bear Creek Cemetery.
3. Hugh Ervin (F), born Aug. 16, 1854 in Hinds Co., Miss.; died Dec. 11, 1857; buried in Bear Creek Cemetery.
4. Alla Delilah Ervin (F), born Oct. 22, 1856 in Hinds Co., Miss.; died Sept. 23, 1939 - See following records for issue, etc.
5. Ida Asenath Ervin (F), born Dec. 12, 1858 in Hinds Co., Miss. died Jan. 22, 1941; See following records for issue, etc.
6. Eugene Griffin Ervin (F), born Dec. 17, 1860 in Hinds Co., Miss.; died Feb. 27, 1935 - See following records for issue, etc.
7. Cora Elizabeth Ervin (F), born May 18, 1862 in Hinds Co., Miss. died Aug. 19 1900 - See following records for issue, etc.
8. Thomas Bryan Ervin (F), born Feb. 10, 1864 in Hinds Co., Miss.; died Nov. 13, 1941 - See following records for issue, etc.
9. Howard Sumrall Ervin (F), born July 23, 1866 in Hinds Co., Miss.; died Dec. 14, 1944. See following records for issue, etc.
10. Murray Elisha Ervin (F), born Aug. 5, 1868 in Hinds Co., Miss.; died June 10, 1932 - See following records for issue, etc.
11. Annie Rose Ervin (F), born June 11, 1870 in Hinds Co., Miss.; married Charles McGowan of Terry and resided there; died Sept. 8, 1927: No issue.
12. Clara Estelle Ervin (F), born Jan. 24, 1873; grad. from Hillman College in Clinton, Miss. in 1893 and began teaching same year; served as Dean of Women at Mississippi Woman's College for several years (now William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss.); recived B. S. degree, and continued teaching 52 years before retiring; is a member of the Jefferson Davis Chapter of the U.D.C. At this writing is now 86 years old, and resides at 805 West Sunflower, Cleveland, Miss. (Fall of 1959)

4. ALLA DELILAH ERVIN (F), (daughter of Thomas Griffin Ervin and Martha Ann Summral, his wife,) was born in Hinds County, Miss. October 22, 1856; married George N. Quin, (son of Judge Murray Quin and Delilah Beardin, his wife,) at Summit, Miss. Nov. 23, 1876; died Sept. 23, 1939.

ISSUE:

Mabel Claire Quin (G) born in Hinds County, Miss. Sept. 3, 1876; married Robert Ford, son of Jim, and Mary Ford, in 1921; resided in Jackson, Miss. Died Feb. 28, 1929, leaving no issue.

Thomas Erle Quin, born June 2, 1878 at Holmesville, Pike County, Miss.; died Feb. 1, 1942, a bachelor. (Buried in Cedar Lawn Cemetery-Jackson, Miss.)

Note: This line now extinct.

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5. IDA ASENATH ERVIN (F), (daughter of T. G. Ervin and Martha Ann Sumerall, his wife,) was born Dec. 12, 1858; married J. Watt Ferguson; and died on Jan. 22, 1941, just 12 years after her husband's death on Aug. 22, 1929. Issue from this William Robert Ferguson (G), born June 16, 1884 at Adams Station; married Floy Brown Stevens, a widow, July 15, 1914; resided in Memphis Tenn.; died there Dec. 22, 1932. Issue:

William Robert Ferguson, Jr. (H), born May 1926

Charles Ervin Ferguson (G), born Dec. 1, 1887 at Adams Station; married (first) Corinne Towns of Crystal Springs, Miss. June 10, 1914: issue-

Sara Corinne Ferguson (H), born May 18, 1915; educated at Hinds Jr. College, Raymond, Miss.; married Neil Collins October 28, 1937: issue-

Neil Smith Collins (I), born March 21, 1940; died Nov. 4, 1950

Ervin Lacey Collins (I), born Sept. 18, 1943

Calvin Ferguson Collins (I), born Oct. 27, 1952

Ida Caroline Ferguson (H), born May 7, 1917 at Adams Station attended Hinds Jr. College; married Russell Wise McGuffie; issue -

Russell Wise McGuffie, Jr. (I), born Nov. 2, 1937

Charles William McGuffie (I), born May 24, 1942 at Jackson

(Contracted second marriage with Polly Morrison on July 10, 1930: Issue-)

Charles Austin Ferguson (H), born Nov. 29, 1932; married Winnie Lou Smith on May 28, 1958. Issue-

Linda Lou Ferguson (I), born Aug. 19, 1959

Kathryn Ann Ferguson (H), born March 3, 1934; married Haller T. Hutchins on May 2, 1953; issue-

Haller Thomas Hutchins, Jr. (I) born Jan. 8, 1955

Kathy Lynn Hutchins (I), born Nov. 26, 1957

Henry Summral Ferguson (G), born at Adams Station Jan. 25, 1890; married Hazel McGuffie Jan 5, 1918; died Nov. 20, 1956; No Issue.

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6. EUGENE GRIFFIN ERVIN (F), (son of T. G. Ervin and Martha Ann Sumrall, his wife) was born in Hinds County, Miss. Dec. 17, 1860; married Emily Clyde Logue on Jan. 13, 1891; was a dairyman and carpenter; a democrat and a Baptist; resided in Vicksburg; died there Feb. 27, 1935; issue-

✓ Thomas Griffin Ervin^{IV} (G) born April 1, 1892; died March 15, 1938. Married Louise Brooks Green; no issue. (Buried in Shreveport)

✓ Katie Viola Ervin (G), born Feb. 5, 1895; educated in Vicksburg; specialized in piano; married Harry Eugene Melton (who died Dec. 15, 1951 and is buried in Charleston, S. C.) on July 23, 1916. Issue-

Kathryn Jean Melton (H), born Vicksburg July 25, 1917; graduated Magna Cum Laude from College of Charleston, S. C. (where parents settled after father left the navy); was among first group of girls from Charleston to attend Officers Training School for WAVES in Massachusetts; served as 1st Lt. in Washington, D. C. during World War II; married Edward Wright Terry on Nov. 20, 1948; issue -
Jean Melton Terry (I), born Oct. 30, 1951 at Miller's Tavern, Va.
Edward Wright Terry, Jr. (I) born June 21, 1953

Wilhelmina Elizabeth Melton (H), born Nov. 19, 1918; educated in schools of Charleston S. C., and business school; worked as secretary; married Walter D. Wieters on June 15, 1941; issue-
Walter Dedrick Wieters, Jr. (I) born Apr. 11, 1942;
William Melton Wieters (I), born Oct. 27, 1946

Thelma Loraine Melton (H), born Oct. 4, 1920 in Charleston, S. C.; educated in public schools and business college there; a secretary; married Archibald Bate Fairbain of Philadelphia, Pa., who served in the Air Corps of World War II and was pilot with Delta Air Lines, stationed at Forest Park, Ga. Issue-

Barbara Jan Fairbain (I), born Sept. 13, 1946
Gary Scott Fairbain (I), born Feb. 11, 1949
Elizabeth Ann Fairbain (I), born Sept. 4, 1953

Harry E. Melton, II, (H), born Dec. 15, 1921 in Charleston, S. C.; educated there, served in Air Corps World War II in Pacific area for 2½ years; married Mildred Ada Cox in Savannah, Ga. in 1949; after discharge, attended University of Ky; no issue.

Peggy Lee Melton (H), born Feb. 14, 1923; died Oct. 1929; buried in Charleston, S. C.

*See E. Ferguson
Daughter*

see previous page
Katie Lucille Ferguson (G), born Dec. 2, 1893 at Adams Sta; educated Blue Mountain Baptist College, Blue Mountain, Miss.; married March 3, 1918 to Wilbur Leake; resided Stevenson, Miss.; died March 10, 1921 and was buried at Salem, near Learned, Miss. Issue-

James W. Leake (H), born Sept. 13, 1919; educated Hinds Jr. College; Bowling Green, Ky. Business College; Vanderbilt University; Professor of Law; married Beverly Martz of Albuquerque, N. Mex. Issue -

Stevens Leake (I), born Dec. 10, 1946
Marilyn Leake, born May 23, 1953

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Clifton Eugene Ervin (G) born Dec. 17, 1897; married Mollie McGuffie (who was born May 24, 1903) on June 1, 1918; died Nov. 22, 1954; issue as follows, all of which were born in Vicksburg and educated at Culkin Academy there:

Eugene Albert Ervin (H), born April 21, 1919; married Feb. 14, 1958 to Fon Soon Lee (Korean); no issue.

Bernice Mackiel Ervin (H), born Feb. 17, 1924; married Reginal Knox Brannon; Issue - born in Vicksburg:

Reginal Knox Branon, Jr. (I), born July 6, 1947

Otto Albert Branon (I), born Dec. 22, 1948

Oscar Eugene Ervin Branon (I), born July 5, 1951

Otto Guy Ervin (G), born Aug. 28, 1906; married Mary Nell Sanders, Aug. 14, 1958; Issue:

Toni Bernice Ervin (I), born Sept. 21, 1954

Thomas Joseph Ervin (G), born Nov. 25, 1929

Mary Matalene Ervin (G), born April 4, 1931; married Boyd Jackson Lee, Jan. 5, 1952; Issue born in Vicksburg -

Susan Marline Lee (I), born Oct. 16, 1955

Clifton Ray Lee (I), born Nov. 16, 1957

Cecil Louis Ervin (G), born April 25, 1933; married Lou Alice Keen; - Issue born in Vicksburg:

Thomas Mayne Ervin (I), born July 23, 1955

Terry Lynette Ervin (I), born April 29, 1957

Charlie Melvin Ervin (G), born June 24, 1935; married Aug. 8, 1953 to Theresa Edwards; issue born at Vicksburg -

Donna Denice Ervin (I), born July 15, 1955

Charlotte Dianne Ervin (I), born Aug. 25, 1957

Sidney Knox Ervin (H), born July 6, 1937

Peggy LaVerne Ervin (H), born March 12, 1939; married William Earl Guthrie, (born April 15, 1937 at Shaw, Miss.); Issue -

Thomas Earl Guthrie (I), born April 24, 1959

James Elmer Ervin (H), born Oct. 22, 1942

Wayne Ervin (H), born June 4, 1949

✓ Bismark Ervin (G) born in Hinds County July 1, 1898; married Sept. 14, 1917 to Maggie McGuffie (who was born in Vicksburg Jan. 3, 1899); died Dec. 6, 1958; issue -

Emily Aileen Ervin (H), born April 13, 1919; Vicksburg

Pauline Virginia Ervin (H), born Vicksburg, June 19, 1921

Margie Jane Ervin (H) born Vicksburg Dec. 17, 1922; married Mitchell O'Neal Stenson, Sept. 4, 1946; Issue

Mark O'Neal Stenson (I), born Jan. 24, 1959, Baltimore, Md.

William Marion Ervin (H) born Sept. 30, 1924, educated at St. Aloysius in Vicksburg and St. Mary's Academy, Paducah, Ky.

Dorothy Jean Ervin (H), born March 18, 1936, Paducah, Ky.; married Hubert H. Hart Nov. 18, 1955 - Vicksburg, Miss. Issue -

Margaret Jean Hart (I), born Aug. 17, 1956

✓ Martha Estelle Ervin (G), born Aug. 8, 1901; married Louis Pope, Nov. 25, 1956. (No. issue reported)

✓ Annie Mae Ervin (G), born Feb. 2, 1903, Vicksburg; died there April 15, 1907

✓ Patrick Ervin (G), born Warren County, 1904; educated in Vicksburg;

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Patrick Ervin

married Aline Welsh, Shreveport, La. on May 1, 1926; (served 20 years on Shreveport Fire Dept. - retired) issue-

✓Margaret Myrtle Ervin (H), born July 2, 1928; born and educated in Shreveport;

Married Lyle A. Webben; issue-

Nicholas Ervin Webben (I), born May 2, 1951;

Jill Anne Webben (I), born Dec. 3, 1953

✓Shirley Jane Ervin (H), born Aug. 16, 1930, Shreveport; educated there;

married A. E. Huckaby; issue -

Madge Eileen Huckaby (I), born May 18, 1957

✓Glynda Faye Ervin (H), born Jan. 1, 1938 in Shreveport, educated there; married

James Edgar Johnson; issue -

James Glynn Johnson (I), born May 19, 1959

✓Bernice Ervin^{*} (G), born Sept. 21, 1907; married _____, died _____
1943; issue (None reported) *see below*

✓Marjorie Ervin (G), born Oct. 22, 1908; married Hicks Jasper Logue (who was born Dec. 24, 1907 and died in 1957) On June 23, 1929: issue-

Hicks Jasper Logue, Jr. (H) born Jan. 26, 1931; grad. from St. Aloysius; served 3 yrs. in Air Force; electronics instructor; married Bonnie Roberson in Denver, Colo. July 7, 1952; Issue -

Jacqueline Patricia Logue (I), born Nov. 1, 1953

Michael Wayne Logue (I), born July 2, 1956

✓Howard Ervin (H), born Dec. 22, 1911 in Vicksburg & died there Apr. 22, 1926

✓Sidney Clyde Ervin (G), born May 28, 1917; married on Dec. 1, 1938 to Nettie Mae Watts, who was born Sept. 1, 1920; issue-

Sidney Clyde Ervin, Jr. (H), born Aug. 11, 1939

Martha Louise Ervin (H), born June 7, 1943

Malcolm Ervin (H) born Sept. 4, 1945

Myra Jeanette Ervin (H) born Apr. 24, 1948

Julie Ann Ervin (H) born July 11, 1950

✓Evelyn Myrl Ervin (G), born May 18, 1919; married Russell B. Barnes of Vicksburg: Issue-

Russell Belvin Barnes, Jr. (H) born Oct. 4, 1944

Rebecca Susan Barnes (H), born July 2, 1951

Patricia Jean Barnes (H) born July 7, 1955

see above
Eernice Ervin^{*} (G) (dau. of Eugene G. Ervin (F) and Emily Clyde Logue, his wife) born Sept. 21, 1907; died in 1943 - married Eugene Joseph Groome in 1924: Issue

Jennie Bell Groome (H) born Dec. 10, 1925; married Robert Walla^{ss}

Downs July 24, 1954: Issue-

Robert Wallace Downs, Jr. (I) born May 5, 1955

Karen Virginia Downs, (I) born Oct. 29, 1956

Eugene Joseph Groome, Jr. (H), born Feb. 14, 1927; educated Vicksburg & David Lipscomb Christian College of Nashville, majoring in music, with minor in French; M.A. degree in Music Education; professional song leader. On Dec. 4, 1947 married Neva Lou Smith; Issue

Arthur Montgomery Groome (I) born March 13, 1953

Carla Neva Groom (I) born Nov. 3, 1957

Billy Revelle Groome (H) born Oct. 17, 1928; served in World War II in Germany for four years; married Estelle Lois Boone; issue

Cherlyn L. Groome (I), born Jan. 24, 1951

Famela Bernice Groome (I) born Oct. 16, 1955

NOTE This information came in late, so *rather than* disturb the foregoing page, we

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7. CORA ELIZABETH ERVIN (F), daughter of T. G. Ervin and Martha Ann Sumrall, his wife, was born May 18, 1862 in Hinds County; married Roderick Alexander Ferguson; died Aug. 19, 1900. Issue:

Hattie Denman Ferguson (G), born Oct. 11, 1885 at Adams Station educated at Blue Mountain Baptist College; married A. E. Miller in 1907: Issue:

Ray Shelby Miller (H), born July 4, 1908 in Taylorsville Miss.; educated at Miss. Southern College (Hattiesburg) and University of Miss. Later became a Certified Public Accountant; on Aug. 11, 1934 was married to Hilda M. Foxworth, daughter of W. F. Foxworth and Mary Elizabeth Sylvestein, his wife, of Foxworth, Miss.; worked in the Pentagon Building, Alexandria, Va. from 1943 until a few weeks before his death Jan. 20, 1958; issue:

Mary Elizabeth Miller (I), born Oct. 1937; educated at Millsaps College, Jackson, class of 1947, and Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois Class of 1960; Majored in journalism.

Ray Shelby Miller, Jr. (I), born March 19, 1945

Cora Elizabeth Miller (H), born Sept. 13, 1909 near Taylorsville; educated Miss. Southern; teaches high school English; in Sept. 1936 married John Wesley Phillips of Magdalena, New Mexico; resides in Benton, Ark. where he works for Reynolds Metal Co.; she teaches in the high school there; issue;

Charles Eugene Phillips *I), born July 22, 1938-died April 12, 1949: Patricia Camille Phillips (I), born Nov. 28, 1945.

Edith Eugenia Miller (H), born Aug. 28, 1913; educated at Miss. Southern and U. of Arizona; on April 23, 1936 married Bernard O. Morgan of Richton, Miss. Issue:

Bernard Denman Morgan (I), born December 17, 1938

Kenneth Ervin Miller (H), born September 29, 1917.

Hugh Roderick Miller (H), born May 25, 1921; attended Jones Co. Junior College, Ellisville, 1940; volunteered July 1940, U.S. Army; served in England, Belgium and Germany until Aug. 1945; married to Winnifred Gragg, of San Francisco, and resides there; Issue:

Hugh Roderick Miller (I), born July 7, 1946

David Eugene Miller (I), born July 5, 1949

Linda Louise Miller (I), born Jan. 19, 1955 and adopted December 18, 1956.

THOMAS ECHOLS FERGUSON (G), born Dec. 23, 1886 (son of Roderick Alexander Ferguson, born Aug. 4, 1861-died Jan. 31, 1930, and Cora Elizabeth Ervin (F), his wife, born May 18, 1862 and died Aug. 19, 1900), married (first) Roberta Sylvester Tillotson (born April 7, 1891) on June 22, 1907 at Raymond, Mississippi; issue -

Laura Elizabeth Ferguson (H) born Sept. 2, 1908 near Learned, Miss; graduated from Hinds Co. A.H.S. Raymond, in June 1926; entered Belhaven College, Jackson, Miss. in the fall of 1926 and graduated in June 1930, receiving B. S. degree and diploma in Art; taught three years at Enterprise, near Meridian, Miss; married William

near Mt. Olive, Miss. but reared at Hattiesburg, son of William Napoleon and Bernelia Jane (Dearman) Richardson; received B. A. degree from Miss. College, Clinton, Miss. in 1923; M. A. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. in 1932; PH.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1939; and D.D. degree from Cumberland University Lebanon, Tennessee in 1946); Issue -

Roberta Jane Richardson (I), born Nov. 22, 1955 In Louisville, Ky.; studied 2 years at Cincinnati Conservatory of Music (Ohio); married Virgil Hisgen Moorefield, Jr. on June 14, 1955 (who was born July 19, 1931 in Hopkinsonville, Ky., son of V. H. Moorheidl Sr. and Tyler Jamison, his wife; B. A. from Wake Forest N. C. College in 1953; DD from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. in 1957); issue:

Virgil Edwin Moorefield (J), born Aug. 9, 1956, Chapel Hill, N.C.
Note: Robert J. Richardson Moorefield has now completed the work for the B.M. degree at Woman's College, U. of N.C., Greensboro, N.C. and is now (1959) in the Universidad Italiana para Extranjeros (Italian University for Foreigners), Perugia, Italy. This is a language school and this young couple are Southern Baptist Missionaries to Italy.

Elizabeth June Richardson (I), born June 24, 1937, Louisville, Ky., graduated from Bethel College, (Jr.), Hopkinsville, Ky.; married to Donald Edward Thomason on Aug. 17, 1957 (who was born Jan. 19, 1937 in Dawson Springs, Ky., son of Luther Edward Thomason and Mary Louise Clark, his wife; graduated from Bethel College in 1957 - will graduate from Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama School of Pharmacy in June 1960); issue -

Donald Edward Thomason, Jr. (J), born Sept. 7, 1958, in Bessemer Alabama.

Note: Thomas Echols Ferguson (G) married a second time to Sallie Edith Mahon Hallman, Crystal Springs, Miss on June 4, 1957 (she was born July 10, 1892); they are presently residing in the George Conerly home, R. F. D., Raymond, Mississippi.

Oscar Ferguson (G) born July 3, 1888 at Adams Station; died June 24, 1889.

Ethelbert Barksdale Ferguson (G), born May 29, 1890 in Hinds Co.; married Mary Agnes Nelson (who was born March 17, 1892, Desha County, Ark.) on Jan 14, 1914; Issue -

Nellie Elizabeth Ferguson (H), born Oct. 9, 1914, Madison Parish, La. married Edward Lee Brock Dec. 23, 1933 at Drew Miss.; Issue-

Edward Lee Brock, Jr. (I), born Oct. 5, 1934, Lexington, Miss.

Patricia Ann Brock (I), born March 25, 1936, Lexington, Miss.

educated Louisiana Baptist College, Pineville; married Robert Lee Owens, March 21, 1959.

William Cecil Ferguson (H), born Nov. 22, 1916, Holmes Co., Miss.; married Nelva Lee Ware; Issue -

William Cecil Ferguson (I), born Oct. 13, 1942, Memphis, Tenn.

Howell Blanchard Ferguson (I), born July 12, 1944, Oakdale, La.

Robert Kurt Ferguson (I), born Jan. 5, 1954, Houston, Texas

Pamela Suzette Ferguson (I), born Nov. 23, 1957, Houston, Texas

Robert Alexander Ferguson (H), born Sept. 25, 1919, Tchula, Miss.; married Mary O. Spencer in 1937 at Rosedale, Miss.; issue-

Martha D. Ferguson (I), born Nov. 9, 1940

Barbara Ferguson (I), born July 6, 1942

Robert A. Ferguson & Mary O. Spencer Ferguson divorced in 1943;

Robert to Navy from Sept. 8, 1943 until Dec. 26, 1945; received

one battle star and citation; married second time to Mary C. Lefton; employed by Coast Company of Seattle, Wash.; issue-

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Shirley Jean Ferguson (I), born July 19, 1949
Roberta Ann Ferguson (I) born _____

Ethelbert Barksdale Ferguson, Jr. (H), born Sept. 9, 1922 in Holmes Co., Miss.; married Vera Perkins, Sept. 22, 1950; issue:

Brenda Gale Ferguson (I), born Angleton, Texas, July 20, 1951
Carolyn Ferguson (I), born Elizabeth, La. Aug. 15, 1953

Preston Grey Ferguson (G), born Aug. 15, 1892, at Adams Station; educated Clark Memorial College, Newton, Miss., service in World War I; married Ada Pearl Millard Oct. 5, 1922 at Silver City, New Mexico; issue

Preston Grey Ferguson, Jr. (H), born Jan 17, 1924 in Albuquerque, New Mexico served two enlistments in Navy; died Aug. 31, 1950, Albuquerque, N. Mex. No issue

Eleanor Lois Ferguson (H) born Jan. 9, 1925, Albuquerque, N. Mex.; on Feb. 23, 1946 married Henry Clyde Price (who was born Oct. 18, 1918) Issue-

Anna Lois Price (I), born Cottonwood, Arizona, Apr. 12, 1947
Percy Grey Price (I), born Cottonwood, Arizona, Sept. 8, 1950
Daniel Clyde Price (I), born Cottonwood, Arizona, Oct. 2, 1952

William Lewis Ferguson (G) born near Learned, Miss. Dec. 31, 1893; educated Learned and Jackson, Miss. began work for Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Co. Feb. 1, 1913 in Vicksburg, Miss. subsequently worked for same Company and Sou. Bell T & T Co., New Orleans, Greenville, Tupelo, Alexandria, Lake Charles, Shreveport and Baton Rouge La.; retired Dec. 31, 1958, after 45 years and 11 months of continuous service; on July 27, 1918 in Water Valley, Miss. married Susie Alice Brown of the Hopewell community approximately 7 miles east of Oxford, Miss. Issue.

Betty Sue Ferguson (H), born Aug. 3, 1930 and adopted by this couple; attended school in Baton Rouge, La. graduated from La. State University Baton Rouge, 1951 with degree of Bachelor of Music; received Master's in music from LSU in 1953; president of Music School Student Body in senior year; member of Student Council; Alumna of Delta Zeta Social Sorority; married Everett Leslie Wright of Monroe, La., and Lafayette, Indiana on April 19, 1955; resides Baton Rouge, La. (Everett L. Wright, her husband attended schools in Monroe and Lafayette; graduated from LSU in 1950 with degree Arts & Science; veteran of World War II; serving under Gen. Patton in France.)

Myra Martha Ferguson (G), a twin born Aug. 6, 1896 at Adams Station, married Curtin Lunsford in 1929. (No report of issue)

Thelma Marguerite Ferguson (G), a twin to above, born Aug. 6, 1896 at Adams Sta. on Jan. 4, 1925 married Watson Ferris. (No report of Issue.)

Florence Elizabeth Ferguson (G), born Aug. 28, 1899 near Learned, Miss.; married Walter Fuller Taylor Aug. 24, 1925 in Terry, Miss. B. A. from Miss. Woman's College, Hattiesburg 1920; B. A. Miss. College, 1946; Graduate study in L.S. at UNC 1947; M. A. in L.S. Peabody 1958; public school instructor 1920-26; librarian Clinton High School 1942-47; Library Science instructor Blue Mountain College (Miss.) 1947-; Librarian Blue Mountain College 1954.

(Walter Fuller Taylor, son of Walter Nesbit Taylor and Lois Adella Fuller, born Nov. 1, 1900 at Clinton, Miss.; married Florence Elizabeth Ferguson Aug. 24, 1925, etc. as in wife's B. A. Miss. College, 1921; M. A. Chicago University 1925; PhD. University N. C. 1930; Gen. Education Board Fellowship, Rockefeller Foundation, for study at Library of Congress June 1935 - June 1936; Miss. College Dept. of English 1921 - 1947; Head of Dept. 1931-1947; Blue Mountain College Dean & Head Dept. of English 1947 -; author History of American Letters, 1936; The Economic Novel in America, 1942; The Story of American Letters, 1956; many articles about American literature in College English, American Literature, American Scholar and other periodicals.)

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Issue from union of Florence Elizabeth Ferguson (G) and Walter Fuller Taylor, her husband-

Walter Fuller Taylor, Jr. (H) born, June 11, 1927, Clinton, Miss. graduated Clinton high school 1944; entered Miss. College 1944-45; Merchant Marines 1945-46; Army (Korea) 1946-48; University of Miss. 1948-52; B. A. 1951. graduate study 1951-52; instructor Missouri Military Academy 1952-55; married Selma Vyrdis Moore Dec. 23, 1954; graduate study Emory University, 1955-59; scholarship Emory 1955-56; graduate assistantship Emory 1956-57; instructor Georgia Tech. 1957-59; instructor Dept. of English LSU 1959 - 1 article about American literature in South Atlantic Quarterly, 1959. (wife, born Feb. 1 1932 at Belen, Miss.; B. A. Blue Mountain Col. 1953)

Donn Ervin Taylor (H), born Feb. 16, 1930, Clinton; graduated high school Clinton 1946; Miss. College 1946-48; army Aug. 1948 - Aug. 1949; U. of Miss. 1951-52; active army service (Korean War) Apr. 30, 1952. Apr. 1954; continued army and Army Air-Flight Service Commander, Fort Hood, Texas; flight instructor; flight commander; married Mildred Smith Aug. 21, 1952, (wife born March 20, 1932, attended Blue Mountain College 1950-1952;) issue -

Karen Taylor (I), born Feb. 15, 1955

Warren Royal Taylor (I), born July 2, 1957

Katherine Taylor (I), born Sept. 30, 1958

8. THOMAS BRYAN ERVIN (F), born in Hinds Co., Miss. Feb. 10, 1864; married Fannie Hollingsworth; died Nov. 13, 1941 and was buried in the Terry, Miss. cemetery; Issue:

Wilma Estelle Ervin (G), adopted daughter, born July 26, 1925; accomplished pianist; married Charles Leroy Harrell on July 8, 1943; issue

Frances Dolores Harrell (H), born Dec. 24, 1944

Thomas Henry Harrell (H), born Apr. 14, 1949

Deborah Diane Harrell (H), born July 15, 1957

9. HOWARD SUMRALL ERVIN (F), born July 23, 1866, in Hinds County, Miss. a planter; a Democrat, and a Baptist; married Lucy Phiscilla Hollingsworth, daughter of Henry and Mollie Miller Hollingsworth (Dec. 1893); died Dec. 14, 1944; issue-
Lida Estelle Ervin (G), born Dec. 27, 1894 at Terry, Miss.; died Aug. 3, 1899
Howard Ervin (G), born Jan. 27, 1896; died at Terry, on Feb. 20, 1896
Alice Amelia Ervin (G), born Dec. 26, 1896; died Aug. 25, 1897
Henry Sumrall Ervin (G), born Apr. 26, 1899; married Ruth Bailey, dtr. of Buck Bailey of Cleveland, Miss. - issue -
Robert Earle "Bobby" Ervin (H), adopted son born Aug. 13, 1933; educated Delta State College with B.S. in 1958; sports writer for Jackson Daily News (1959); married Dorothy Barber Aug. 30, 1959
Joseph Franklin Ervin (G), born Jan. 13, 1900 - a bachelor (1959)
James Griffin Ervin (G), born Sept. 25, 1901; died Jan. 19, 1940
Paul Newton Ervin (G), born Feb. 7, 1903; married Elsie Matthews 9-7-29
Issue:

Paul Logan Ervin (H), born May 6, 1932 at Clarksdale; married Vivian Early (whom he later divorced) in June 1949; Issue;

Vivian Ann Ervin (I), born March 1950

Paul Logan Ervin, Jr. (I) born May 20, 1951

Benjamin Earl Ervin (I), born Feb. 1953

Mary Lee Ervin (I), born Apr. 16, 1954

(Paul Logan Ervin remarried in the spring of 1959 to Kathryn Barnett)

Elsie Ann Ervin (H), born Oct. 28, 1933 in Clarksdale; B. S. from Delta State; Master's from Duke University; married Rev. Ray Bock, June 19, 1957; Issue=

Virginia Gayle Bock (I), born Sept. 3, 1959

Martha Lee Ervin (H), born Nov. 20, 1935 at Clarksdale; B. S. from Delta State; spec. in teaching underprivileged children.

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Mary Gayle Ervin (H), born June 25, 1938 at Cleveland
John Griffin Ervin (H) born June 27, 1941
Charles Michael Ervin (H), born Dec. 10, 1943
William Kenneth Ervin (H), born Feb. 20, 1946
Mary Louise Ervin⁹(G), born Aug. 17, 1904, near Utica; married Argus Moses Granberry in 1924; issue -
Mary Lou Granberry (H) born Jan. 17, 1925; grad. School of Nursing, Miss. Baptist Hosp., married A. J. Tucker, RFD, Terry, 9-1-46; died 8-25-55; Issue -
Clifton Tucker (I), born Apr. 28, 1948

Argus Howard Granberry (H), born Apr. 2, 1930, served in World War II; married Ruth Henry; issue -
Infant son born June 22, ___, died at birth;
Kenneth Walter Granberry (I), born Jan. 25, 1956
Charles Stewart Granberry (I), born Apr. 6, 1956-?

Cora Lottie Ervin⁹(G), born May 16, 1906 Near Utica; educated Delta State & U. of Mississippi - a teacher

Annie Laurie Ervin¹⁰(G), born Sept. 11, 1908 near Utica, educated Delta State and School of Nursing - employed by Bolivar County Health Dept.

Mary Jane Ervin¹¹(G), born Apr. 25, 1910; educated Cleveland schools and King Daughters Hospital School of Nursing in 1932; married Robert G. McCool at Indianola Feb. of 1940: issue -

Martha Jill McCool (H), adopted - born May 7, 1946

Charles Thomas Ervin¹²(G), born Aug. 1, 1911; married Gladys Amanda Satcher field Oct. 7, 1932 at Cleveland; issue -

James Thomas Ervin (H), born Sept. 28, 1933; educated Delta State with Bachelor of Music degree - bank director.

Fred Hollingsworth Ervin¹³(G), born Jan. 5, 1913; married Viola Cannon Feb. 28, 1938; issue -

Charlotte Rosalie Ervin (H), born June 16, 1939; married Earl Moseley 9-11-54; issue

Paula Fay Moseley (I) born Dec. 12, 1955
Laura Lynelle Moseley (I), born June 14, 1958
Freddie Earl Moseley (I), born Dec. 27, 1959

Fred Howard Ervin (H), born Jan. 10, 1942
Gilda Jo Ervin (H), born Apr. 17, 1945
Mollie Louise Ervin (H), born Sept. 18, 1950

Myrtle Mae Ervin¹⁴(G) born, Nov. 10, 1915; grad. with honors from Kings Daughter Hosp. School of Nursing, G'ville; married William T. Polson 7-22-39; issue

Martha Linda Polson (H), born Dec. 12, 1940
William Robert Polson (H), born Apr. 28, 1942
John Stanley Polson (H), born July 11, 1945
Howard Ervin Polson (H), born July 13, 1949
Lucy Camelia Polson (H), born Apr. 15, 1953

Mable Clair Ervin¹⁵(G), born Nov. 6, 1918; married John E. Williams, issue:
Bonita Clair Williams (H), born Jan. 4, 1951
Feggie Lynn Williams (H), born Oct. 7, 1951 (Adopted)

10. MURRAY ELISHA ERVIN (F), (son of Thomas Griffin Ervin and Martha Ann Sumrall, his wife), born Aug. 5, 1868 in Hinds Co., Miss.; was an ordained Baptist minister, and a planter; married Mary Hollingsworth, daughter of John and Mattie Coker Hollingsworth, at Terry, Miss. Dec. 24, 1893; died at Terry June 10, 1932; issue -

John Thomas Ervin (G), born Sept. 27, 1894 in Hinds County; married Maggie S. Lightsy, a widow, Dec. 24, 1921; died at Sylacauga, Ala., Sept. 10, 1926; issue -

John Robert Ervin (H), born Jan. 18, 1923; served in World War II; married Dorothy Canady in Sylacauga, Ala. 3-19-49; issue -

Donna Kay Ervin (I), born July 23, 1958 in Sylacauga

George Douglas Ervin (H), born Feb. 19, 1927; served in World II; married Mary J. Guy in Sylacauga 3-25-1955: issue -

Guy Bradley Ervin (I), born Feb. 13, 1956) in Sylacauga,
Thomas Scott Ervin (I), born Nov. 20, 1958) Ala.

Bryan Watson Ervin (G), born Sept. 15, 1896: married Holda Pearl Roberts; died Nov. 11, 1944 (the mother died 9-24-30, one day after the birth of the second child); issue -

Bryan Watson Ervin, Jr. (H), born Apr. 20, 1929 - died in infancy.*Emma Gene Ervin (H), born Sept. 23, 1930; married William Alfred Ramsey 9-8-1947; issue -

Ella Cornelia Ramsey (I), born Nov. 5, 1949

Alfred Bryan Ramsey (I), born Sept. 25, 1953

Morris Lee Ramsey (I), born Nov. 26, 1957

James Alton Ramsey (I), born Jan. 5, 1961

Harvey Elisha Ervin (G), born Jan. 12, 1899 in Hinds Co., Miss. served in World War I; married Eddie Gravette - July 22, 1942; issue

Glenda Faye Ervin (H), born in Sylacauga Ala. 9-20-47

*Emma Gene Ramsey and family now living in Stoneville, Miss. December 1965.

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By- Clara Estelle Ervin (F), Daughter

On April 9, 1825 a little son was born to John Ervin, called Colonel Ervin as long as he lived, and his wife, Asenath Ford Ervin. This son, their second one, was named Thomas Griffin Ervin, after a maternal uncle, the Rev. Thomas Griffin, a Methodist preacher.

This child was called Tom from the very start, but when his mother died and his father remarried to a widow who also had a son Tom, complications set up. Therefore these two boys, reared as brothers, were known as Tom Ervin and Tom Bridgers.

At the death of Asenath Ervin, mother of Hugh and Thomas Griffin, who was only three months old, an aunt of the children (a sister of Colonel Ervin's) took charge of the children and, with the help of Aunt Jenny (a faithful slave), gave this baby and his elder brother the best love and attention that could be desired.

Tom Ervin grew into a sturdy lad, getting all the exercise he needed in playing and wrestling with his step-brother, Tom Bridgers, equally as sturdy.

One of the duties of Col. John Ervin, as a steward of Bear Creek Church, was to provide the wine for the communion service on Sunday mornings. Not having any in his home, Col. Ervin put his son Tom on a gentle old horse and sent him to one of the neighbors to get some wine. Tom took the bottle, climbed back upon his horse and started home at an easy gallop. The old horse stumbled upon a root and fell, tossing Tom, bottle and all, over his head. Unfortunately the bottle hit a root and its neck broke. Tom grabbed the bottle before its contents spilled, then he wondered what to do - he tasted it! And liked it! His alert mind made a quick decision - "I'll drink this and go back for more." He drank all he could hold, propped the bottle against the root that had caused the trouble, climbed again on his horse and returned as fast as he dared to the kind neighbor for another bottle of wine. She gave him another bottle with the admonition to "hurry home", which he did. However, upon reaching the propped-up, broken bottle, Tom climbed down from his horse and finished it off! By the time he got in sight of the house, the wine had done its work. His father came out and found Tom drunk, but could not solve the mystery until Tom had slept off the stupor and regained consciousness, at which time he related what had happened. He was not punished this time for, with the neighbor's testimony later, combined with the skinned knee, Tom was proved "not guilty".

Time passed and the two Toms were growing to be big boys for their 9 years. One cold winter's morning Tom Ervin waked to find the ground covered with snow. He called, "Tom Bridgers, wake up, everything's white!" Both Toms jumped out of bed, scrambled for their clothes and when Tom Bridgers saw Tom Ervin was beating him, he threw one of Tom's shoes in the fire. Business picked up, and Tom Bridgers' cries brought his mother on the run. When Col. Ervin learned the facts, he pronounced the same verdict on both culprits. "Tom Bridgers, since Tom Ervin has no shoes and cannot go out into the snow, you shall not go either." Both boys looked broken-hearted - Tom Bridgers went to his mother for consolation as he dared not disobey his step-father. Tom Ervin, on the contrary, felt no remorse at the beating he had given his step-brother, but he did desire some show of compassion from someone, so risking his father's ire, he slipped out and ran down to Aunt Jenny's warm cabin to tell her what had happened. The old nurse took the boy onto her lap and rubbed mutton tallow all over his feet and legs "to keep out the" cold and said, "Never mind, honey, I needs a new band on my spinning wheel - so jes wait 'til I spins one and you can have the old un." She made the new line then called Charles to go "fix dis chile a Dead-fall to ketch dem burds all over dat lot."

Charles made the dead-fall out of a heavy barn door that had fallen off its hinges. He made triggers, then slipped on the old spinning wheel band and showed Tom Ervin how to set the trap. All day long the boy stayed in the warm cabin catching birds. He would hold the string, watch the dead-fall and when he saw the birds crowd under the barn door he eat the corn put there for bait, he would pull the string. The door would fall on the birds, and then Tom would rush out and jump on the door, thereby almost doubling a normal catch.

Supper time was nearing and Tom knew he had to go to bed hungry or face a questioning father-and, too, he thought how good he would feel to face Tom Bridgers and tell him of the birds. After supper, came the questions, "Where have you been all day, Tom Ervin?" "I've been down at Aunt Jenny's catching birds with a dead-fall Uncle Charles made for me." "Where are the birds?" asked the father. "Down at the barn", replied the boy. "Why didn't you bring the birds to the house?" asked the father. "I couldn't, Pa, there are too many."

Col. Ervin sent for Charles then and told him to take Tom Ervin and go bring the birds to the house. The old negro soon came in with a cotton basket filled with birds on one shoulder and little bare-footed Tom on the other. When the basket was set down all expressed amazement at the day's catch and Col. Ervin knew his little son was telling the truth, even though he had risked illness by going barefooted into the cold and snow.

Col. Ervin had a tutor for his children and when they were ready for college, Tom Ervin attended Centenary College in Rankin County, Miss., near the present town of Brandon. This young man had decided to enter the medical profession, and so planned his studies. However, due to a certain incident Tom was expelled for refusing to reveal the name of a fellow student who had a pistol, thus ended his formal education.

Tom returned home and started attending chores about his father's plantation. Now it so happened that Tom Ervin inherited several slaves from his grandfather, the Rev. John Ford. One slave in particular was "Gene" (Named for Tom's mother, Asenath Ford), who was most devoted to the family and who took care to see that her white children were well cared for.

At the ^{age} of 26, Tom Ervin married Martha Ann Sumrall on Christmas Day, 1850. They established a home near his father's and Tom owned two fine blood hounds named Cap and Crocket, both trained by him. His young wife was afraid of these dogs until one day Tom, to show her that they were in fact protecting her, grabbed her a bit roughly. Both dogs attacked him, tearing his shirt almost off before he could stop them. This convinced Martha and thereafter she was no longer afraid to mount her horse and go with the dogs across White Oak swamp to visit her parents.

This couple lived in their little house near Col. Ervin's for 10 years and in 1859 Tom realized he needed more room, as there were already too many children for them to be comfortably quartered there any longer. He therefore started plans for their new home - 10 rooms, making it a story and a half. He employed a man named Corson as head carpenter, who did a beautiful job. The floors were of heart pine and the staircase of polished walnut. It took 6 months to complete this lovely home and, in the meantime Tom and his family moved in with his father.

Moving day was an event!. Each child was cautioned to take care of their lovely house - there was to be no cutting or marking on walls, neither were torches to be carried from one fireplace to another.

In the ^{mean}time rumblings of dissatisfaction could be heard around every fireside. Meetings were being held and the questions of secession was discussed. Tom went home and told Martha he felt sure war would come, so they sat all one night making plans. Spinning wheels were brought into the house and the maids started spinning thread to be woven into cloth. Dye was made from the sap of shoemaker berries, red

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oak bark and other vegetation. Some carded cotton and wool, others spun it into thread and still others wove it into materials on the looms. Everyone, including the children, were given tasks.

Mississippi seceded and Tom and his younger brother Pope were in service together and on one occasion when Tom became uneasy about his family, he simply rode off without securing permission. The company, to which he and his brother were attached, was encamped at Canton, which was not too far from his home. Upon arriving, he found one of his children recovering from an illness and after feeling better about his family's well-being, started the return trip as fast as possible. He, however, was unable to make much speed due to the mule he was riding; he simply would not push his mule too hard, even though he knew and realized he had left without permission, and that he would be made to answer for this. The captain was the first man he saw as he returned to camp, and Tom was put in the guardhouse for several weeks, during which time he wrote Martha the following letter:

Canton, Miss.
Feb. 28, 1865

Dear Martha,

I have been waiting in anxious expectation of getting a letter from you for several days, and as I have despaired of getting one from you, I will try to write you one. I am still here, but not in the guardhouse; they have paroled me and put me on provost duty. I am assisting corporal of the guard and they talk of trying to keep me here and making me sargent of the provost guard, if I am transferred from cavalry to infantry service; but I have no idea I will be transferred for I have been here now about six weeks and they have done nothing with me and I never have thought they would, and do not think so yet, but there is no telling for military force can do anything, whether just or unjust.

Pope came up last week and got my mule and saddle; and he told me that the captain who had me put in here said that they were going to move, and as soon as he got in camp good he would have me released if he could, but I do not care whether he does or not, for I doing first rate here; I am out of the weather and fare very well, and had as soon stay here as to be in the battalion, for it is much safer and if they keep me on duty here, I will get a chance to come home after a while, but do not know when. If they do try to send me to infantry, you may expect to see me soon or hear from me, for I am determined that I will not serve in that part of the service.

This leaves me well and I hope will find you and the children enjoying the same blessing. I have had a good time since I have been here; have read the Bible nearly through and I hope I have profited much by it; and if it was not for the care I have for you and the children, I could say I am doing as well as I could with these war times, although I want to see you all so very much and hope it will not be long before I will get to come home, but there is no telling (when).

You must have fortitude and resign yourself to these troubles of this unfriendly world and do the best you can for yourself as well as the children until I can have a chance to be with you all, if ever, etc.

Write soon and direct to T. G. Ervin, Canton, Miss. for I expect your letters have gone to the battalion the reason I have not gotten them.

Your husband until death,

T. G. Ervin

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Tom Ervin was released but not transferred to infantry. Soon the news came that Lee had surrendered, and Tom did not want to be mustered out. Instead, he mounted the mule his brother Pope had taken care of while he was in the guardhouse and started for home. He reached there before daylight and told Martha the war was over. They talked the balance of the night, deciding what to do first.

The next morning Tom went out to tell his negroes that they were free—that they no longer belonged to him. Some cried, some shouted for joy - finally one spokesman from the crowd asked where they were to go. Tom advised them that they did not have to leave, but could stay in their cabins, finish their crops and at the end of the season they would divide the profits, if any. This was called share-cropping.

The reconstruction period was one - the South was under carpet-bagger rule. Times were hard for everyone - there were no public schools, and a niece of Tom Ervin, Amelia (daughter of Hugh Ford) was employed to teach the neighboring children and the Ervin children in Tom Ervin's home. She was a very intelligent and talented young lady, and devoted her time unselfishly to pupils ranging from the ages of 6 to 16.

At this time the mayor of Crystal Springs (in Covich County) was negro; he would walk down the street flashing a bright bayonet. At this point Tom and his half-brother Pope, decided to take the situation in hand. Tom and Pope, both outraged, decided to force the mayor to arrest Tom, at which time Pope was to "come in" with the other men who were also indignant at the outrages being perpetrated. Tom rode his horse Stonewall down the street, into a drug store and made him jump the counter. The druggist took to his heels - so did the negro mayor, who was never seen around town any more. The citizens took advantage of this and brought the situation into control, for there was much hard work to be done as homes and lands were in sorrowful plight,

At one time Tom went to Vicksburg to get supplies and ammunition. The merchant told him he would have to take the "Oath of Allegiance" before the sale could be made. Tom said, "Oh, I will swear that hell is an ice house if you say so!", which was as near to taking the oath as he ever came. However, he was a law-abiding citizen as long as he lived, doing all he could to bring peace back to his country.

Labor was now a problem, so many of the men decided to get together and bring in white labor from across the sea. Tom Ervin took several men to help cultivate the land and to do carpentry work. He also had two white women to help with the house chores. One of the men was a young Swede named A. J. Anderson, and one of the women was Elizabeth Thompson, from Liverpool England. She was the daughter of a shoemaker and had learned the trade, which came in handy at her new work. She became affectionately called "Lizzie", and before the year was out she and A. J. Anderson fell in love and were married. They set up housekeeping in one of the cabins and to this union were born five children, four of whom lived to maturity and had children of their own. Mr. Anderson prospered and soon purchased 40 acres from Tom Ervin, on which he built a nice home, planted an orchard and planted his crops. However, illness in the form of "galloping consumption" took Mr. Anderson from his little family and Lizzie, lonely and homesick, returned to England. Her stay there, however, was short-lived as she found only a half-brother to meet her. After staying in England three months, Lizzie and her half-brother Seth returned to America to the Tom Ervin family. Lizzie again plied her trade of shoe mending and before too long was able to repurchase her home. She sent her children Joe, Henry, Arthur and Alfreda to school and the Ervin children were delighted to have their playmates once more. Later, when Joe was about 16, Lizzie remarried to a Will Latimore. Three children were born of this union, which made a total of seven for Lizzie. More land and a larger house were needed, so they sold their little home and moved away. However, in times of distress or illness, Lizzie could always be

counted upon to help. She called Tom Ervin her "American father" and the bonds of friendship were never broken.

During these hard times Tom Ervin performed many deeds of kindness to the distressed darkies - those without homes or persons to care for them were taken in. His own daughters Ida and Cora spent many hours caring for the aged and ill negroes until some of their own race could assume the responsibility.

In Tom Ervin's younger days he was a good nurse (having benefitted much by his study at Centenary College before being expelled for refusing to reveal the name of the owner of a pistol). During the yellow fever scourge when people panicked and tried to find refuge out in the country, Tom Ervin opened his doors to a family of five - to a Mrs. Beatrice Stackhouse and her 4 children. The children - Ervins and Stackhouses - thoroughly enjoyed their association, and the rafters of "Liberty Hall" rang with their young voices. Fiddlers were called in and many a time there were 16 couples square dancing to the tunes of "The Cake's All Dough" and "Hope Light, Ladies". Tom Ervin often joined in the fun.

Three of the Tom Ervin daughters were married from "Liberty Hall" and a sumptuous meal was spread after the ceremonies.

As time passed on, the children of Tom and Martha Ervin made homes for themselves - all except Annie, who would not leave. Tom and Martha were growing old, so they decided it would only be fair to leave "Liberty Hall" to Annie for her devotion to them. This was discussed with the other children, and all agreed. Therefore, Annie was deeded the homestead, and to Clara Estelle 140 acres for money loaned her father from her salary as a teacher; he also turned over 140 acres to Clara and gave her the privilege of paying the mortgage off. Eventually all the Ervin land was sold to one family - as well as some surrounding lands - and the old homestead is now called Mount Arista Ranch and is owned by the Stocketts of Jackson. They have made this lovely old home bloom anew, and it is now one of the showplaces in that section of the country.

On the 15th of January 1900, relatives and friends gathered to pay their respects to the mortal remains of Tom Ervin. Colored friends were there, standing back to get just one more look at the kind face of "Mars Tom" - and so, although my father's body was laid under the sod and marked by a simple marble slab, his memory still lingers in the hearts of all who knew him. The lessons of truth and honesty, as well as the example he set before his children will ever be alive.

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MARTHA ANN SUMRALL ERVIN
Wife of Thomas Griffin Ervin

MARTHA ANN SUMRALL, daughter of Henry Sumrall and Sarah Neal, his wife, was born in Copiah County, March 24, 1831. While yet a little girl, she lost her mother and as the eldest daughter, she had to assume the responsibilities of the home and the care of five children. Her father remarried to a widow, a Mrs. Jenkins, who had several children of her own. She managed the two sets of children with wisdom.

Martha attended good schools where she was not only taught reading, writing and arithmetic but how to live with people. She was fortunate to be taught by a very wise instructor - a Mr. Cockerham - who in later years visited in her home and was loved by the children of his former pupil.

Martha was proficient at spinning, weaving and sewing and one of her great grand-daughters fell heir to a bedspread Martha made from cotton she had picked; seeded, carded, spun into thread and woven. After weaving the "counterpane", she then embroidered it with a basket filled with flowers that trailed over most of the cloth. Her handprints were also embroidered thereon, and they looked like white gloves. This great grand-daughter, Mrs. Edwin Richardson of Bethel College, Hopkinsville, Ky., showed the spread to an antiquarian, who put it on exhibit where it attracted much attention.

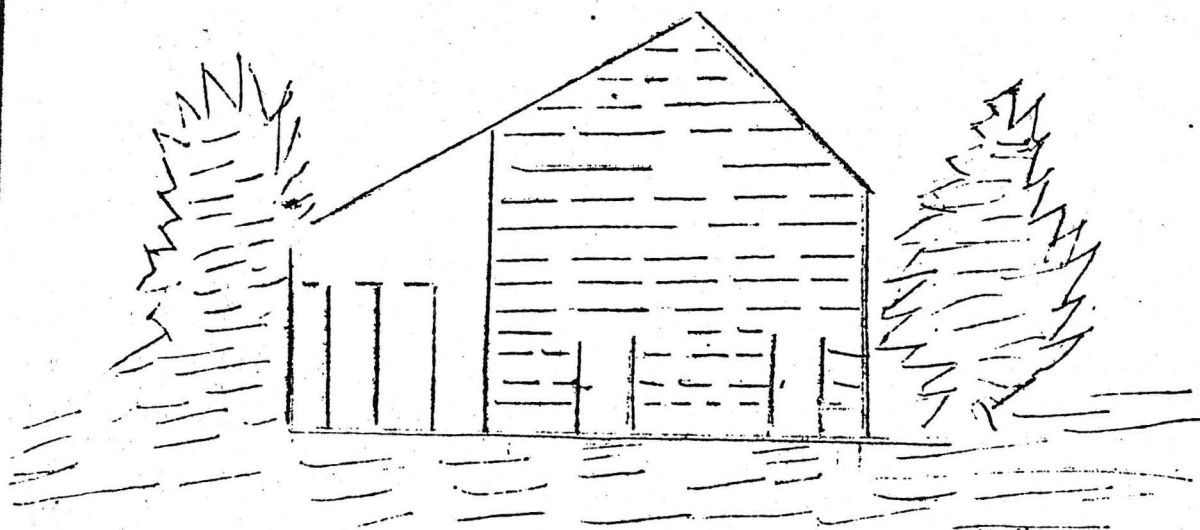
On Christmas Day in 1850; Martha Sumrall was married to Thomas Griffin Ervin at her home in Copiah County, Miss. Tom often enjoyed recalling to his children how he first noticed their mother, which always brought a flush to her face. He and his pal, Ben Wolf, went to the school house to invite the young male teacher to a dance being given in the neighborhood. As they lingered, the bell was rung for "books". As the boys and girls came trooping in - all flushed from running - Martha with her clean slate was among them. Her dark curly hair, rosy cheeks and flashing black eyes caught Tom Ervin's fancy and, turning to his companion, said - "Ben, that's my wife one of these days!". Tom did not press his suit until he was 26 and Martha 20 - but he had to meet her father first!. So, he went to the church where the Sumrall family worshipped and managed an introduction - and an invitation to join them for dinner, which was just what Tom wanted! And it was not too long before the wedding was arranged.

She made a good wife, a wonderful mother - and was ever mindful of those for whom she and her husband were responsible. Each Sunday morning, early in her married life she gathered the slaves into the back yard and read the Bible to them. She even taught them to quote the Scriptures.

Martha Sumrall Ervin lived to be over 90 years of age. Her death came December 4, 1921, and thus was laid to rest one of God's gentle-women - a woman who had lived a full life, one packed with joys and sorrows; a woman who laughed with those who laughed and who cried with those who cried. Not only her children, but all who knew her, arose to call her Blessed.

By - Clara Estelle Ervin (Daughter)

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BEAR CREEK CHURCH

When Mississippi was still referred to as the "Missionary South-West", scattered settlers in Hinds county united to build a church. In the few minutes they could spare each day from their newly cleared fields, the farmers erected a log cabin large enough to house their tiny congregation. From this early log structure grew today's Bear Creek Methodist Church, 7 miles east of Utica and 1/8th miles from the Utica- Crystal Springs highway.

"Colonel" John Ervin who moved to Hinds county between 1817 and 1825 donated the land on which the church was built and was one of its charter members. He also donated \$1500.00 in cash.

Tradition has it that either John Ervin or Thomas Griffin, a relative by marriage donated the land and that the church and cemetery were located on the wrong land. No deed has been found to settle this matter. Bear Creek Church is assessed with "6 acres of land in SW corner of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 33, Twp.3,R2W" but no deed has been found donating it to the church. In 1840 one Hugh Ervin sold Thomas Griffin the whole of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, which would take in that part the church now owns. In 1883 when one E. N. Lowe, who owned more than a section of land right in that vicinity, gave a Deed of Trust on the whole section "save and except 6 acres belonging to the Church". From this we conclude that the church was put on the land which Thomas Griffin sold to E. N. Lowe.

The rev. Thomas Nixon was the first minister of Bear Creek Methodist Church. He lived in Hinds county during the 1820's and it is believed he helped found the church during that period. The earliest market in the church cemetery reads 1828.

Among the earliest members of Bear Creek Methodist Church are the ancestors of many people living in Hinds county today (1959). Familiar Miss. Names on the original church enrollment include the Fords, Funchesses, Harrisons, Rawls, Barnes, Wilkins, Browns, Nixons, Stewarts, Ervins, Stackhouses, Carmichaels - then, a short time later, the Fishers, ~~Waleys~~, Burnetts, ~~Garretts~~, and Inabets.

Bear Creek Methodist Church today is a large building with brick siding. Originally it was a log cabin, and as the congregation grew, the settlers built a small frame chapel. The church building of today is over 90 years old.

BEAR CREEK CEMETERY - HINDS COUNTY, MISS.

In the Ervin enclosure are the following markers:

Elizabeth Helen - Died Nov. 4, 1900, Age 50 years, 11 months

Charles H. Ervin - August 2, 1847 - Jan. 24, 1867

Delila Sophronia, daughter of H. F. & D. W. Ervin. Born Mar. 22, and died July 8, 1852.

Delia W. Ervin, daughter of John and Elizabeth Pope of Marion County, born May 19, 1823 and departed this life June 16, 1852

Elizabeth Furnchess, Born March 13, 1781 - died Oct. 9, 1849

Harriett G., late consort of John Ervin and daughter of John and Elizabeth Pope. Oct. 13, 1806 - Oct. 18, 1859

John Ervin, born Dec. 2, 1796 in Marion Dist. S. Car., died March 6, 1878.

Elizabeth, consort of Ebenezer Ford, daughter of John and Jane Witherspoon Ervin, born in Marion Dist., S. Car., June (Jan) 6, 1782 - Died Sept. 12, 1844.

Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Sumrall and wife of Henry Pope Ervin, April 1, 1835 - Dec. 28, 1859.

Martha A. Ervin - March 24, 1831, Dec. 4, 1921.

T. G. Ervin, Died Jan. 15, 1900, Age 79 years, 9 mons. 6 days.

Sara A. Ervin, Oct. 18, 1851 - March 16, 1852.

Henry G. - Jan. 8, 1853 - Dec. 7, 1856.

Hugh F. - Aug. 16, 1854 - Dec. 11, 1857.

There is a marker with the inscription "Samuel C. Ervin, son of John and Harriet Ervin, April 17, 1828 - Aug. 23, 1833" by that of "Amelia L., wife of H. W. Stackhouse, died May 20, 1835". Evidently John Ervin procured a plot for the family after 1835, else this son would have been buried in the family plot. This Samuel C. Ervin was the first son by John Ervin's second wife, Harriet Glen Pope Bridgers Ervin.

Amelia Louise Ervin, Sept. 11, 1842 - Oct. 7, 1915

John Ervin - October 12, 1846 - 1915.

Lawrence Ervin

DOUBLE MARKER: Louis Kenneth Ervin, born Sept. 10, 1879; Died Jan. 29, 1956
Mattie Loraine Forn Ervin, Born Jan 24, 1883: Died Oct. 31, 1956

Near the center of the plot is a large rough granite stone, weighing 6 tons, put up in memory of John Ervin by Clara Estelle Ervin, his only surviving grandchild. The Inscription "JOHN ERVIN, THE FOUNDED OF THE MISSISSIPPI FAMILY" is on a smoothed part of the stone.

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NOTES OF INTEREST

John Ford, father of Asenath Ford (first wife of John Ervin and mother of Hugh and Thomas Griffin Ervin), came to Mississippi from South Carolina. He was a Methodist minister, and settled on Pearl River in Marion County, Miss., circa 1808. His children were:

Joseph Martin	James
Thomas	Elias
David	John, Jr.
(Madison) Washington	Ann
Samuel	Catherine
	Samantha
	12. Asenath

Thomas Ford, a Methodist minister, settled on Pearl River in Hinds County and organized the first Methodist church in Jackson in 1836. He was appointed as missionary to that section of the country. In 1838 he, with a small band of followers, paid \$50.00 for a lot set aside by the legislature for religious purposes and built the church. In 1842 the Methodist Conference met for the first time.

Four of John Ford's sons were Methodist ministers.

In August 1839 the Methodist Conference of Mississippi established a college to honor the Centenary of Methodism. This college was put at Brandon Springs in Rankin County, Mississippi. In the Fall of 1842 it first opened its doors with Dr. Thomas C. Thornton as its first president.

It was to this college that Thomas Griffin Ervin (E-57) went for his education. Another portion of this little book will give the details of why he did not complete the course of study at this college. Prior to his entrance, he was tutored at home since there were no public schools in Mississippi.

This college was later moved to Jackson, Louisiana (in 1845)

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The large monument at the grave of JOHN ERVIN, founder of the Mississippi Ervins, was placed there by his grand-daughter, CLARA ESTELLE ERVIN, as a memorial. This is a 2-ton granite boulder and cost \$500.00. A memorial service had been planned with Erle Quin (son of Alla Delilah Ervin Quin) to act as Master of Ceremonies. However, Erle Quin died Feb. 1, 1942, just prior to the time set for the service. The obituary (found in "Hattie" Ervin Henry's scrapbook) written by Bishop Galloway at the time of this illustrious ancestor's death was to have been read by his grand-son Erle.

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JOHN FORD
LAST WILL & TESTAMENT
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
MARION COUNTY

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IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN!

I, John Ford, feeble in body but in my usual strength of mind, calling to mind that man is mortal and must die, do make this my Last Will and Testament.

Item 1st. My soul, I recommend to God who gave it, my body to be buried in a plain usual way.

Item 2nd. As respects my worldly goods it has pleased God to bless me with, I give and bequest them as follows:

3rd. I wish all just debts paid out of any of my property that my Executors shall think most perishable.

4th. I confirm the right of the following property to the legal heirs of High Ervin that is to say, my daughter Ann Griffin and her two children, Margaret and Hugh Ervin. I give them the following Negroes: Will, Anthony, Jacob, Dal and Semanthy with their increase and seven cows with their increase now in their possession. It is expressly understood that the above named Negroes are Ann Griffin's agreeably to the decision of the Court of Probate in the division of Hugh Ervin's estate, it being one-third of his personal estate.

5th. I give to my son John Ford, one Negro man named Jim and seven cows and their increase now in their possession. I loan the following Negroes (viz) Jean, Fanny, Sophy, Ellie and Marian with their increase to John Ford and Hannah Ford, his wife during their life and at their death to be equally divided among their lawfully begotten children.

6th. I give unto Miles Haper one Negro woman named Amerik, and seven cows and their increase now in his possession. I loan to Samantha Harper the following Negroes with their increase (viz) Abram. Miss Bob Giles and Alford during her life time and at her death to be equally divided among her lawfully begotten children. Also the increase of Amerik.

7th. I give to John Ervin seven cows and their increase now in his possession, also relinquish to him a claim of six hundred dollars which I hold against him for a Negro man sold to Hengar. I discharge him fully from said amount.

8th. I give to my son, Thomas Ford, the following property with their increase (Viz) Ben, Jacot, Susan, Jane and Fanney, also seven cows now in his possession, also one hundred and sixty acres of land patented by Miles Harper, also three hundred and fifty acres patented by John W. Harvey and Sampson E. Ball. I reserve unto myself, my heirs, or executors the privilege of cutting any canals or making any embankments through or on said lands.

9th. At the death of my wife, Catherine Ford, I give unto the heirs of my daughter, Asenath Ervin (that is) Hugh Ford and Thomas Griffin Ervin, the following Negroes, (viz): Isaac, Dorcas, Chaney, Tamer, Ben, Mahalia, Jane, John and Asenath, with their increase.

10th. I reserve unto myself as my own legal property, the following Negroes: (namely) Daniel, Flora, Moses, Marge, Mille and Daniel with their increase to be managed under the direction of my executors until my son, Elias Ford's debts (five hundred and eleven dollars with interest) with Ebenesor Ford, is paid and my estate entirely exonerated from all difficulties and embarrassment occasioned by a lawsuit with said Elias Ford and Isaac A. Miles, or anything relative to the same, then to be delivered

their death to go to Elias Ford's lawful child or children.

11th. I wish the remainder of my property both real and personal, to remain in a consolidated body until all just debts are paid and the estate entirely relieved from embarrassments; then, if the executors and heirs agree as the following heirs arrive at the age of majority (viz), my sons, David Ford, Joseph Ford, Washington Ford, Samuel Ford, and my daughter, Catherine Ford; they can divide the remainder of my estate equally among the five last named children, and my beloved wife, Catherine Ford, at the death of my wife, Catherine Ford, I wish her part to go to the five last named children or those of them who may survive.

12th. As difficulties frequently arise from executors having power to sell at public sale alone, it is my will that my executors shall have the power of selling at private sales, either real or personal estate.

13th. I constitute and appoint David Ford, Sen. John Ford, Jun. David Ford, Jun. and Joseph Ford, my legal executors to execute my will.

Given under my hand and seal this 25th of January A. D. 1826.

/s/ John Ford

Signed, Sealed, published and declared to be my last will and testament in the presence of W. H. Wilson, Francis A. Abott, Bird Williams.

NOTE: The foregoing will was made Jan. 25, 1826 and was probated by the Executor, David Ford, March 1826; so the death of John Ford was between those dates. After his death the place was sold to William M. Rankin and is still the property of the Rankin Descendants.

This will was found in the musty old records on file in the Clerk's office in Marion county, a record of the Probate Court from 1825 to 1831.

Reference; JACKSON (MISS). DAILY NEWS - Sunday edition, October 21, 1951, in Section four, page 2, under "ANABEL POWER - Pages From An Old Scrapbook", which gives a full account of the Ford Home and a history of the family.

John Ford and his ^{brothers} Joseph, Stephen and David came to Mississippi from South Carolina in 1809 and entered large tracts of land on Pearl River. John Ford established his home 18 miles below Columbia, Miss. on the west side of the river while Joseph built his on the east side about 3 miles away. ?

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Let us turn back the pages of ancient history to pay tribute to a woman who took to her heart her brother's two motherless children - the youngest but an infant. She was Elizabeth Ervin Ford, affectionately known as "Aunt Betsy".

Elizabeth Ervin (D-13) was born in Marion Distrist, South Carolina, Jan. 6, 1782, daughter of Col. John Ervin (C-5) and his first wife, Jane Witherspoon. In the 1800's, according to family history, Elizabeth Ervin, her brother Samuel James Ervin and her half-brother John Ervin (D-19) left South Carolina and went to Alabama, where Samuel James Ervin (D-10) settled.

Elizabeth Ervin was married in ^{Marion County, Miss.} Alabama to Ebenezer Ford in ^{Marion County, Miss. married Dec 1779} 1779 (this date from the photo taken from the Bible of Ebenezer & Mary Jane Ford). Ebenezer was also from South Carolina and they finally settled in Louisiana, where he became one of the circuit judges of that state. He died there - probably as early as 1823 - while away from home on the circuit; he was buried in St. Tammany Parish, La. ^{* Elizabeth Ervin was possibly Ebenezer Ford's second wife as he was 77 years old when married her. He lived only 5 years after the marriage. Ebenezer died Dec 1779 - died 1823} The widow, Elizabeth Ervin Ford (D-13) with her only child, Mary Jane Elizabeth Ford born Feb. 28, 1821, removed to Copiah County, Miss. and located within a few miles of her half-brother John Ervin (D-19), who lived in Hinds County.

Many stories have been told of this wonderful woman by all who knew and loved her, and an especially delightful one is recalled by her great-niece, Clara Ervin, only surviving child of Thomas Griffin Ervin (E-57), who was the infant mentioned above:

In 1833, little Tom had been ill and was convalescing at Aunt Betsy's house. This particular night the heavens were full of stars, but little Tom knew nothing of it for he was abed, sick. All at once Aunt Betsy came in, wrapped him in a quilt and carried him out to the gallery. Such a sight awaited him - it was raining stars - they began rolling on one side of the sky, came over the house and down on the other side - leaving the heavens as bright as day after every star had gone. Who but Aunt Betsy would have thought to wrap a sick boy in a quilt and take him out to witness this wonderful display of God's!

Daylight, however, brought troubles - the negro slaves had panicked and run into the White Oak swamp. Aunt Betsy found them in hollow logs, in sink holes and various other places - they thought the world was coming to an end!

When Mary, Aunt Betsy's only daughter, was 12 or 14 years of age, her mother was faced with the problem of furthering her daughter's education. She had been taught at home, but additional formal education was needed. Elizabeth determined the course to follow: Her daughter must be enrolled in a girls school in Kentucky - so, the trip was made overland and Mary left for three years, after which she returned to Mississippi very accomplished in fine needlework and piano.

Elizabeth Ervin Ford (D-13) died in Copiah County, Miss., Sept. 12, 1844 and was buried in Bear Creek Cemetery in the Ervin plot. Her last resting place was marked by a tall monument, which the ravages of time have caused to crumble and this had now been replaced with a simple marble slab (like the one which marks her half-brother John's) by her grandson, Timothy Ervin Cooper.

MARY JANE ELIZABETH FORD (E), daughter of Ebenezer Ford and Elizabeth Ervin, (D-12) his wife, was born Jan. 28, 1821; educated in Kentucky; married, first, William A. Cooper (who was born Jan. 20, 1818 & died in 1851); issue -

Walter N. Cooper (F), born Dec. 8, 1841; married first to Mattie Barnes, who died without issue; contracted second marriage with Lula Summers of Ky; Issue: Mary Louise Cooper (G), who married Edgar Irvine; issue Edgar Irvine (H) who died; Walker Cooper Irvine (G) who lived in Memphis.

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Mariah Cooper(G), who married Eugene Mortimer of Crystal Springs; she died without issue.

Timothy Ervin Cooper (F) born July 5, 1843; married Mollie Dix of Natchez: Issue

Barbour Cooper (G) who became a doctor; married & lived in La., died there and left a daughter -

____ Cooper (H), born _____
Mary Cooper (G), who married DeWitt Holder, son of Col. Holder of Jackson
Ruffin Cooper (G), married, but died young - no issue

Timothy Cooper, Jr. (G), who became a dentist; married and lived in Jackson died there.

Mayes Cooper (G), married young and left one daughter

____ Cooper (H) born _____
Bartlett Cooper, (G) died young
Nellie Bly Cooper (G), married Thomas M. Welford & Lived in Memphis
John Dix Cooper (G)
Jasper Cooper (G)

Joseph N. Cooper, (F) born March 5, 1848; married Ella Dix of Natchez, Miss.; lived in Ft. Worth Texas; a lawyer; was set to Philippine Islands to codify the laws there with the U. S. Laws; issue - one daughter who died young.

William B. Cooper (F), born March 5, 1850; an Episcopal minister; a missionary to Japan; married Alice Minnette of New York; died on return trip to New York; issue:

Channing B. Cooper (G), born Nov. 5, 1877; missionary to Japan but returned to St. Phoebe's Protestant Episcopal Mission in Brooklyn, N. Y.; died there Feb. 27, 1855.

Mary Elizabeth Cooper (F), born Nov. 1, 1845 at Crystal Springs; died Sept. 28, 1893 at Crystal Springs; married Wellington Wallace Scott, M.D., son of Thom Mumpford Scott & Mary Ann Smith, his wife; he graduated in the first class of New Orleans School of Medicine (Now Tulane U.); issue -

Matty Elizabeth Scott (G), born Feb. 10, 1868; died July 28, 1908
married Albert Q. May on Jan. 24, 1895. He served as Treasurer of the State of Mississippi for a number of years; no issue.

Willie Mae Scott (G), born Sept. 2, 1870 in Crystal Springs; died June 25 1934 at Ada, Okla.; married Sept. 18, 1889 to Richard Martin Prewett, Amory Miss.; they moved to Okla. when it was still Indian Territory - he died in 1905, leaving his widow, Willie Mae Scott Prewett, with three children -

Mary Scott Prewett (H), born Nov. 21, 1890 at Vernon, Texas; died July 15, 1907 at Ada Okla.

Caroline Cooper Prewett (H), born Jan. 31, 1896 at Amory, Miss.; married June 12, 1920 at Ada Okla. to Christian Conrad Erickson (she was grad. from East Central State College of Ada, Okla & taught; he served in U.S. Navy from 1909 to 1919, was then agent for AT&S); issue -

Audrey Caroline Erickson (I), born Apr. 3, 1921; married Oct. 19, 1944 to Hugh Robert Hughes; attended Blue Mountain College in M ss. for 2 years, then grad. from Okla State U. member Phi Beta Phi; degree in Home Ec. - taught. Husband attended N.M.M.I., Washington-Lee, U. of Okla., member Sigma Nu; served in U. S. Army 1940-46 - occupation, Retail Lbr. & Ready-Mix Concrete; issue.

Elizabeth Leigh Hughes (J), born Nov. 30, 1947 at Cushing, Okla.; died Dec. 18, 1947

Hugh Robert Hughes II (J), born May 31, 1949 Oklahoma City; died Jan. 18, 1953 at Guthrie - buried Cushing.

Richard Quitman Prewett (H), born May 24, 1898; U.S.Army, Field Artillery, 1916.

Wallace Cooper Scott (G), born Nov. 7, 1872; married Armmie Johnson on Jan.25, 1899; issue -

Mary Elizabeth Scott (H), born Nov. 25, 1899 in Crystal Springs; grad. M.S. C.W. with A.B. degree, history major 7 4 yrs. piano with Miss. Etta Atwell, finished Normal Teachers Course; married James Tully Biggs, Jr. at Crystal Springs, Miss. Nov. 14, 1923; issue-

Sara Amy Biggs (I), born Nov. 24, 1924; educated M.S.C.W. 2 yrs.; grad from Mary Harding Baylor College, Belton, Texas receiving A.B. degree with English major; married William S. Morrison at Crystal Springs on Dec. 22, 1946; issue-

Leslie Morrison (J), born April 25, 1949
William Tully Morrison (J), born June 16, 1951

Martha Elizabeth Biggs (I), born April 30, 1927 at Crystal Springs; educated at Millsaps College, member Chi Omega, and Mary Harding Baylor College, Belton, Texas - grad. from U.of Miss. with A.B. degree in Education; married Floyd A. McCoy, Jr. June 23, 1950 at Crystal Springs; issue -

Mary Odell McCoy (J), born Feb. 18, 1953
A. Elizabeth McCoy (J), born Mar. 24, 1955

Mefford Powell Scott (H), born Nov. 25, 1901
Wallace Cooper Scott (H), born Feb. 22, 1905
Mattye Lou Scott (H) born Dec. 8, 1910

Mary Scott (G); born Sept. 25, 1874; died Sept. 10, 1891 at Crystal Springs and is buried there.

Lucile Scott (G), born Sept. 18, 1877; married Thomas F. Evans Oct. 7, 1901; died Jan 10, 1905 at Crystal Springs and buried there.

Elizabeth (Bessie) Minette Scott (G), born Aug. 11, 1879; married Radford Brandon Gunn; issue -

Lucile Elizabeth Gunn (G), born Dec. 21, 1899; married Daniel Hugh Shipp, a planter and stock farmer, Aug. 14, 1923; issue.

Daniel Shipp, Jr. (H), born April 19, 1925; married Margie Lee Hitt June 2, 1948; issue -

Margie Sharon Shipp (I), Born Sept. 13, 1950
Janice Elizabeth Shipp (I), born Mar. 15, 1952
Daniel Hugh Shipp (I), born Apr. 27, 1956

Katherine Lucile Shipp (H), born Nov. 2, 1927; married James Tyson Steele, June 4, 1950: issue -

Cynthia Lucile Steele (I), born March 25, 1952
Carolyn Danette Steele (I), born Dec. 21, 1954

Madge Haughton Gunn (G), born Apr. 21, 1902; taught school in Miss. and Panama Canal Zone; married Charles Robert Disher, Capt. in U.S. Air Force; no issue.

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Radford Brandon Gunn, Jr., (G) born: ; married Elizabeth Suttle of Meridian, Miss. in 1929; occupation - cotton & storage business; issue:-

Radford Brandon Gunn III (H), born ; 1931; married Bettye in 1950: issue -

Debbie (I) - 6 yrs old in 1959 (No other information given
Theresa (I) - 4 yrs old in 1959 regarding these children other
Dolores (I), 2 yrs old in 1959 than their ages in 1959)
Linda (I) , 1 yr old in 1959

Jero Gunn (H), born : 1933; married Lillie Little; issue -

Melissa Gunn (I), born (8 yrs old in 1959)

Betty Cooper Gunn (G), born ; married Clarence Richard Hayes, Jr. in 1924; issue:

Bettie Gunn Haves (H), born : 1937; married John Barber in 1958.

Lawrence Carey Gunn (G), born ; 1918; married Martha Ann McLeod in 1945; issue -

Lawrence Carey Gunn, Jr. (H) born (12 yrs old in 1959)

Charles Robert Gunn (H), born (8yrs old in 1959)

Wallace Reed Gunn (G), born 1924; married Alice Schwartz in 1943; grad. Law School, Charlottesville, Va.; lawyer in Hattiesburg, Miss; issue -

Martha Alice (H), age 14 in 1959: 7 Patricia Ann (H)k Age 14, in 1959

Joe Ella Scott (G), born Aug. 9, 1881; married James Gaines Dowe; issue -

Mattye May Dowd (H), born ---- married T. K. Damper; issue -

T. K. Damper, Jr. (I), born : member of Sellers & Sanders Clinic & Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La. (Fall of 1959)

Bess Minette Dowd (H), born; married Leslie L. Wilkins; issue

Linda (I) : 1 yr old in 1959

June Wilkins (I), born - (16 yrs old in 1959)

Patsy Wilkins (I), born : 1933; married Lillie Little; issue -

Leslie Ann Wilkins (I), born (8 yrs old in 1959)

End of D-13 Line to Date (11-29-1959)

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MARY JANE ELIZABETH FORD COOPER (E), daughter of Ebenezer Ford and Elizabeth Ervin (D-13), his wife, contracted a second marriage with George M. Barnes on Sept. 25, 1859; he was born in Monticello, Miss., Oct. 18, 1837 and died many years before his wife, who lived to the advanced age of 95.

During the War Between the States the family lived in a beautiful home near the present site of Battlefield Park, Jackson, Miss. "Betty" Cooper, the young lady of the family was a very talented pianist and when the two armies met at Battle Field in 1863, Mrs. Barnes was ordered by a Confederate officer to flee her home, which was to be burned as it was in the line of battle. The family was at breakfast when the order came and had no time to make plans. They hurriedly left the

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home just as fire was set to it, scrambled into the family carriage and fled for their lives.

Some of the soldiers in Gray, however, who had visited in that home and listened to music coaxed from the piano by young Betty Cooper could not bear to leave the piano in the flaming house. They rolled it out and beyond the reach of the licking flames to safety. Then the company (Washington's Artillery of New Orleans, La.) conceived the idea of putting the piano near the breastworks and when they saw Lauman's Division of Sherman's army moving forward to charge the position held by the Company and by Breckenridge's Division of Joseph E. Johnson's army, they rolled the piano close to the guns. One of the boys played the piano while the other sang - then rushed into battle and those surviving returned to the piano for more music and song. A soldier named Swain was one of the musicians who played the piano, which survived the battle even though its cabinet was battle scarred.

This piano was later given by Mrs. Barnes to her granddaughter Mattye Elizabeth Scott (daughter of Mary Elizabeth Cooper and Wellington Wallace Scott, M.D., her husband), who later married Albert Q. May. In 1902 Mattye Scott May had this wonderful old piano placed in the Confederate Memorial Hall, 929 Camp Street, New Orleans Louisiana with the understanding that it will be returned to Mississippi and placed in the first Confederate Memorial Building erected.

Mrs. Barnes granddaughter Willie Mae Scott (later Mrs. Prewett) wrote a poem titled "The old Piano", which very feelingly tells of the warm place this dear old instrument won in the hearts of all who learned of the important part it played in the victory at Battle Hill. Below is a selection from this poem -

There's a piano at the old home far away
Whose tones oft have thrilled as Times changes rung
In its heart and embalmed its sweetness lingers to this day.
Though aged now and many the songs on it were sung,
'Twas my mother, in girlhood's happy time,
On it her dimpling fingers played waltzes gay -
Or her sweet lips sang the quaint old rhymes or songs that
told of Love that would last always.

Miss Margaret Lacky's poem tells yet another story of this old piano; she tells in rhyme something of its war record in -

The Battle Scarred Piano

Ah yes, 'tis ill-used and old-fashioned, I know -
That dent on the side was a spent bullet, a blow.
And those scratches you see o'er its surface are scars
That a battle-stained veteran would value as stars.
Ill-used and old-fashioned, but, oh, could it speak!
It would tell you of scenes that would pallor your cheek
And cause the hot blood, as it surged through your breast,
To throb all the more o'er its tales of the past.

Mrs. Barnes moved back to Chrystal Springs, and there she spent the rest of her life. She was known and loved by everyone, and her ready repartee was ever a source of delight to those who knew her. On one occasion, when she was nearing her 95th year, a young man accosted her on the street and after telling her how lovely she looked, asked, "Mrs. Barnes, how old are you?" She replied, "Sir, I am over one and under a hundred! Don't you know it is impolite to ask a lady her age?"

Her kindness and consideration of ex-slaves who were confused and bewildered gave index to the character of this wonderful woman. She gave freely of her many talents, her worldly goods and of her spiritual strength. "Grandmother Barnes", as she was lovingly called, was indeed a worthy daughter of a strong woman, Elizabeth Ervin Ford daughter of John Ervin (C-5) and Jane Witherspoon, his wife.

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CROSS-THREADS

When "Col." John Ervin's first wife, Asenath Ford, died (leaving 2 surviving sons, Hugh Ford and Thomas Griffin), he married a second time to Harriet Glen Pope Bridgers daughter of John & Elizabeth Pope *, and widow of Tom Bridgers. This second wife had a son by her first marriage, Tom Bridgers, Jr.

Harriett's sister, Delilah Pope, married Hugh Ford Ervin (E-56), eldest surviving son of "Col." John Ervin (D-19). To this union were born Amelia Louise, John, Charles and Helen Ervin. Thus their mother's sister, Harriett, was their Aunt and step-grandmother! And the descendants of Hugh Ford Ervin (E-56) are related to all descendants of John Ervin (D-19) and Harriet Glen Pope Bridgers Ervin, his wife, but NOT to those of Thomas Griffin (E-57), brother of Hugh (E-56). Also, all descendants of John Pope and his wife Elizabeth (parents of Harriet & Delilah) are related to all descendants of "Col." John Ervin except those of Thomas Griffin Ervin (E-57).

These families lived in the same or adjoining communities and grew up together, attended the same school, etc., and the Thomas Griffin Ervins resented the idea that they too were not blood kin, as were all the others. However children have always had means of removing unfavorable barriers - and this they did! The also included the Bridgers side of the family as they too were related by blood to Col. John Ervin's descendants by his second wife, and to those of his son Hugh Ford Ervin (eldest son of his first wife Asenath Ford.)

*In Bear Creek Cemetery there still stands a simple marker "ELIZABETH FUNCHESS, Born March 13, 1781 - Died Oct. 9, 1849". This Elizabeth Funchess was first the wife of John Pope, and they were parents of Mary E., Augustus E., Margaret Sophronia, Ann E., Harriet Glen & Delilah Pope. After John Pope's death his widow, Elizabeth, married a Funchess. There is no record available of any issue from this union - but it is something to look into at a later date.

Cross-Threads - ah, what strange-and wonderful patterns Life weaves!. Can it be we all are related? Since working on this history of our fabulous family, I have been amazed to learn that former "friends" are in reality "cousins" - and that most of us are in total ignorance of the fact. Those of you who read this history will perhaps become more family-conscious, and will be proud of our heritage.

I would like to mention here one interesting fact I traced out: Under the Line E-57, position "H", is one Howard Granberry; under Line E-58, position "H", is one Ruth Henry. Howard and Ruth are now married and the parents of two children, and these young parents are both descendants of the Founder of the Ervin Family in Mississippi, "Colonel" John Ervin (D-19)!

It is interesting to note here that the title "Colonel" was evidently an honorary one - or one bestowed in affection - upon John Ervin (D-19). His father, John Ervin (C-5) was one of General Francis Marion's five colonels during the American Revolution. The records indicated many John Ervins, and it is just possible this title was bestowed on as an identification.

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CROSS THREADS - the most wonderful pattern woven was meeting and knowing my Beloved Cousin Clara. Although she had visited in my parents' home on rare occasions, I had never met her - but early this year (1959), she once again came to visit and I was present. Needless to say, it was love at first sight. During her extended visit with her nephew, "Tommy" Ferguson, she and I spent many long, satisfying hours talking.

A modest soul is she, this lovely lady of eighty-six years, and it has taken me quite a while to piece together the little "bits" she would tell me - very reluctantly. So, with much love, I give you the following story of Clara Estelle Ervin, the youngest child in a family of 12 children, and the daughter of Thomas Griffin Ervin (E-57) and Martha Ann Sumrall; his wife:

Clara Estelle Ervin was born Jan. 24, 1873 in Hinds County, Miss. - and, by her own admission, had a high temper which she had to learn to control. (Knowing her as I do, it is hard to realize she was ever capable of throwing "temper tantrums").

One of her earliest recollections of her Grandfather John was a visit to him, at which time he treated her with all consideration due an adult and when she became weary of the house, he gently took her and said, "Go into the garden and pick some blossoms for yourself." This gentle speech from her grandfather evidently remained tucked into her memory and all through life she gathered blossoms - so that she might pass them on to those of us who have lost the art.

As a child, Clara often heard "going in one ear and out the other" - so, she took a straw and jammed it into one ear with one hand and held the other hand to the other ear to catch it as it came out!. She chuckled as she recalled this childhood experience, but said she never forgot the lesson she learned therefrom!

Clara started school before her 5th birthday because she wanted to be with the other children of the family. The teacher was a young lawyer who was teaching to get a bit more money for his college expenses. He let Clara have lessons from any book he happened to have on his desk. He would take her upon his knee and teach her to spell short words. One day he had a group of little children having a spelling match, and gave out the word "chip". No one could spell it, so when it came little Clara's turn she was very excited because she knew the word, or so she thought! "Chee-ip" she yelled - and wondered why everyone laughed!

The years passed and at the age of 17 Clara entered Central Female Institute, the name of which was changed that year (1890) to Hillman College, Clinton, Miss. She graduated there in 1893, having done the four years in three as a pupil was allowed to take as many subjects as she could. However, since her high school work was not from a standard school, she decided to continue her education (after stopping a while to teach), and received a B.S. degree from Mississippi Southern, Hattiesburg, and a certificate in Library Science from credits made in Mississippi Southern, the University of North Carolina, Chicago, and the University of Wisconsin - all summer courses.

Clara Estelle Ervin's first school was in Dry Grove, where the attendance averaged 15 to 20 pupils. She set about to build up her school, and went about the community encouraging the parents to send their children to school. As a result of this dedication to her chosen work, the enrollment swelled to 28 - and, as a result her salary was raised from \$32.50 to \$35.00 per month!

She gives credit to Miss Iola Tapley, a teacher whom she loved, for setting her feet in the right path with regards to a "method" - Miss Tapley sent her "The Normal Instructor" and it was from this little publication that young Clara Ervin learned how to teach her children. From this little magazine she also learned songs and stories with which to entertain the children. Her zeal for teaching, coupled with good common-sense and a zest for living made Clara Ervin one of Mississippi's foremost educators.

during her early years as a teacher, she was showing her class how to draw a pig. She drew a bean, put a head on one end, a curl on the other and put four marks for legs. She then requested one of the boys to draw a pig. The results were hilarious. This young boy soon came up with a big fairly bristling with legs, and young Clara exclaimed that there were too many legs. "Miss. Clara," said the young artist with disgust, "that is a little sow!"

She saw many changes come about in the educational field in Mississippi. Books were standardized, salaries were raised - and she was offered a position in a junior college at Newton, Miss. as English instructor. From there she went on into larger fields - first, to Miss. Woman's College in Hattiesburg (now William Cary College), where she endeared herself to many girls who, as women today, still love and correspond with "Miss Ervin".

On one occasion, after a hearty dinner, her girls came to class so drowsy they could hardly hold their eyes open. One girl, bolder than the others, asked, "Miss Ervin, we are so sleepy, would you please let us take a nap?" "Yes." replied the young college instructor, "You may have 10 minutes in which to sleep - and I'll give every one 50¢ if she sleeps!" All heads went down on the desks - a pair of shoulders began to shake, then another, and another until all were laughing heartily. The 10 minutes were over and everyone was wide awake and ready for a good lesson!

One night one of the girls asked "Miss Ervin" to go with her upstairs to a vacant room to look for a book, or something and the unsuspecting instructor was led into a trap. The student slipped out, locked the door and left Miss Ervin! She found a chair and sat down for what she thought was a long wait - but, shortly thereafter someone slipped up, turned the key and told "Miss Ervin" to come on out. Her rescuer cautioned her not to tell on her, and the student returned to the gang before she was missed. When "Miss Ervin" got back downstairs the students were all dancing to hilarious music and when they looked up, there she stood, just looking at them. They were a most astounded group of young "ladies" and Miss Ervin let that be the penalty - not knowing how she got out of a locked room!

Clara Ervin taught at Woman's College and was then Dean of Women for many years, and while there made many life-long friends who now shower her with many attentions in her declining years.

At the age of 73, after a full 52 years of teaching, Clara Estelle Ervin retired from her beloved profession and took up painting as a hobby. One has only to look at the many beautiful pictures this talented lady has painted to realize that had her life taken another turn, the world might have known her as an artist rather than an educator. My most treasured possession is an oil painting - a landscape - painted by Cousin Clara this year - in her 86th. I shall treasure it so long as I live, and then it will be passed down to my granddaughter Terri Gale Williams.

I have coaxed from Cousin Clara copies of the poetry she has written, and when time permits I shall make it into a booklet for her. Some of her poems are so lovely that I want each of you to re-read them with me, as follows:

MISSISSIPPI

Where the cotton blossoms blossom
And the June bugs june,
And the humming bird hums his merry tune
Where the honeysuckle suckles
And the honey bees buzz
And the old owl chuckles
At everything he does -
That's the Deep South - Down in Dixie
Where I long to be.

Refrain

That's where I long to be!
I want to go back to my little shack
Down in Mississippi!

Where the mourning doves mourn
And the mocking bird mocks
And grandad forgets to wind the clock
Where the katydid didn't
But the cricket said she did -
And the cat had her kittens in Dat's Sunday lid
That's the Deep South - Down in Dixie!

Refrain

Where the whippoorwills cry
And the pine trees sigh
And the jaybird want to know the reason why
Where the bright sun shines on tangled vines
Swinging in the breeze -
Where you can get up and get,
Or just calmly set
In the cool shade of the trees
That's the Deep South - Down in Dixie!

Refrain

Where the moonflowers moon
And the larkspur spurs
And the bollweevil weaves
In the cotton burs
Where you can lay off your glad rags
And go way back
And set down and relax
That's the Deep South - Down in Dixie

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AN ACROSTIC to a BABY

Lisha Ann, darling,
I am sending the shoes and wrap
So you can be cozy and warm
Having your morning nap.
As the days go by, darling
And you grow into a big girl
New things will keep you in a whirl.
Nothing to bother about your hair -
Look! You are a Halo girl!
I congratulate your choosing
Daddy and Mommie as well.
Dear child, they will see that
Everything for you is swell
Life's just full of love for you,
Little Lisha Ann Liddell.

--Clara Ervin

MY JEWELS

I opened memory's casket
To count my precious pearls
The ones that clung to my fingers
Were memories of my girls.

One one particular birthday,
A day of many tricks,
With candles and cake and gifts galore,
I was only eighty-six.

Refrain

So, throw away your bubble gum
It might become troublesome
Put on your sweetest smile
You'll thumb a ride after awhile
Go where you ain't pesterin' nobody
Just living at your east
Go a-huntin' when you want to
And a-fishin' when you please.
That's the Deep South - Down in Dixie

Refrain

---Clara Ervin

The following was written in 1954 at
Cleveland, Miss. and given in a Sunday
School class:

As I walk toward the Sunset of Life
Thinking of the deeds I have wrought
As I journey on day after day,
There comes to me this thought,
If I have encouraged one single soul
With a kind word or a smile
To work in the Master's Garden,
I count the journey worth-while

--Clara Ervin

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This little sentiment expressed her
Christmas thoughts to friends and rela-
tives far and near in 1959:

Time has etched deeper the lines in my face
Increased their number more and more
I can no longer keep the world's fast pace
My steps have become slower and slower
But He has only mellowed my heart
He has left my mind perfectly clear
I still can in "Season's Greetings" take
part -
So, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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I thought of the wonderful meetings;
They will be with me always,
The ones that stand out so clearly
Are memories of my happy birthdays.

We were so happy together.
How we wish for one not there
We filled in the gaps of yesterday,
Memories simply filled the air

My Jewels Cont.

When my last birthday is over,
And the last candle blown out,
For my girls may I wait at the Golden Gate,
And hail their coming with a shout!

-- Clara Ervin

(The above poem was written for a group
of her former students who helped celebrate
her 86th birthday in January 59.)

And so, this is CLARA ESTELLE ERVIN, a most wonderful person. This little book which you now hold in your hands represents considerable work on the part of her errors contained herein, we ask that you forgive us - and if you will send your corrections to this person, who has endeavored to set down what Clara Estelle Ervin wants handed down, they will be happily made. A copy of this little book is being placed in the Archives of History in Jackson-that is your dear relative's wish.

(Mrs.) Mavis Ervin Hollingsworth
Terry, Mississippi

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ABOUT THIS BOOK

This book is the result of records compiled over a number of years by Clara Estelle Ervin - records passed on to her by members of her branches of the large Ervin family, research done by her personally, etc. Through the years it has ever been her desire to consolidate the voluminous information into a book for her "Family".

The records contained herein relate primarily to Lines E-56 and E-57, some of John Ervin by Asenath Ford, his first wife, and their descendants.

There are two other lines, E-56 and E-59, on which your typist is now working, but time does not permit them to be included herein. Suffice it to say, Henry Pope Ervin (E-58, and the line from which I descend) - and who married Sarah Elizabeth Sumrall, sister to his half-brother Thomas Griffin Ervin's wife, Martha Ann - and Margaret Elizabeth Ervin (E-59), who married Captain E. B. Willis, were the only surviving children who married and had issue.

Cousin Clara and I have put a good amount of time on this small book - this is the third time it has been rewritten, due to insertions that had to be made, errors etc. Also, your typist (who has become "soft" from the use of electrical office machines) has wrestled with an antique Royal manual typewriter. Also, each page has been run off on a hand-operated mimeograph machine which your writer purchased herself so that Cousin Clara's output on this book would not be too prohibitive. Those of you who work in today's modern offices will evidently not appreciate the humor, vexations, etc. that beset the operator of a hand-turned machine. It does not count, and as each turn is made, there is the count of 1, 2, 3, etc. - and just as your arm is nearly breaking, it dawns on you that you have forgotten to count!. However, each turn has been made with love - love for a dear, dear person who so badly wanted to see her endeavors put into words and handed down to her Beloved Family. My only regret is that we did not meet before her 86th birthday - we would have had a much larger book, I fear!.

Right here I would like to say something about the Coat of Arms. On the copy of Cousin Clara's - from which I worked - the scroll and shield are silver; however, after many attempts to paint this, I decided it best to leave it white. The quality of the paper, of course, was not meant for painting - and to have this photographed and reproduced in color was prohibitive. Therefore, those of you who desire to reproduce the Coat of Arms may do so, but be sure to use a good quality water color paper and good paints. This Coat of Arms was furnished Cousin Clara by Mrs. William Manelius Cook, Box 128, Camden, Alabama. Mrs. Cook states "the tinctures of the scroll & lettering are a matter of taste, and the scroll may be reversed of a different tincture from the front. The principal tinctures of the arms are often carried into the treatment of the scroll and lettering." With reference to the motto, she states: "A motto may be changed at will, but there is naturally a strong tendency to retain & transmit one which has become traditional in a family. More than one motto may be used." This information she secured from "Heraldry" (Boutell's Revised by Scott-Giles, Printed in Great Britain by Jarne-Page 174. Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. gave to Cousin Clara a copy of his family history, parts of which are used herein. Many persons, too numerous for her to mention, made their contributions and for their help she is grateful.

In closing, your typist earnestly requests that you report all errors I am sure this book does contain. There are two reasons for this request: First, a copy will be placed in the Archives of History; second, this is but two "chapters" of the descendants of "Col." John Ervin - and as time permits I shall compile all information into one book, which will take the original IRVINE family down through the years - from our beginning in Scotland, thence to Ulster province, Ireland (where I am now encountering some difficulty), thence from Belfast, Ireland to "Potatoe Ferry", on up the Black River to King's Tree, South Carolina.

For interesting reading, I recommend either Horry or Bass' SWAMP FOX. This is the story of the life and campaigns of General Francis Marion and his men. As you know, our John Ervin and his brother Hugh were two of his five colonels and there are many passages in this book devoted to their actions. It also mentions the James and Witherspoon families, to whom we are related.

As you read of different campaigns, etc. you will notice our name has often times been spelled Ervin, Irvin, Irwin, etc. All, I am convinced, has a common ancestor in the background.

I must hurry this - the year is nearly to a close. I had set Christmas as my goal, but father's sudden death of October 31, 1959 caused me to put this aside for a while. (He was Henry Guy "Pat" Ervin, son of John Edgar Ervin, who was a son of Henry Pope Ervin, E-58, and his wife, Sarah Elizabeth Sumrall Ervin).

So, in closing, I ask that you bear with my errors- and I join with Cousin Clara in wishing all of you happiness, contentment and peace during the forthcoming New Year.

Mavis Ervin Hollingsworth
Terry
Mississippi

December, 1959

P.S. The stencil sketch of Bear Creek Church is not what we wanted, but I was afraid to wait longer for the negative to be mailed me from a Mrs. Fisher in Utica. This sketch was copied from a newsprint carried in the October 1953 issue of the (Miss.) RURAL ELECTRIC NEWS, page six.

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